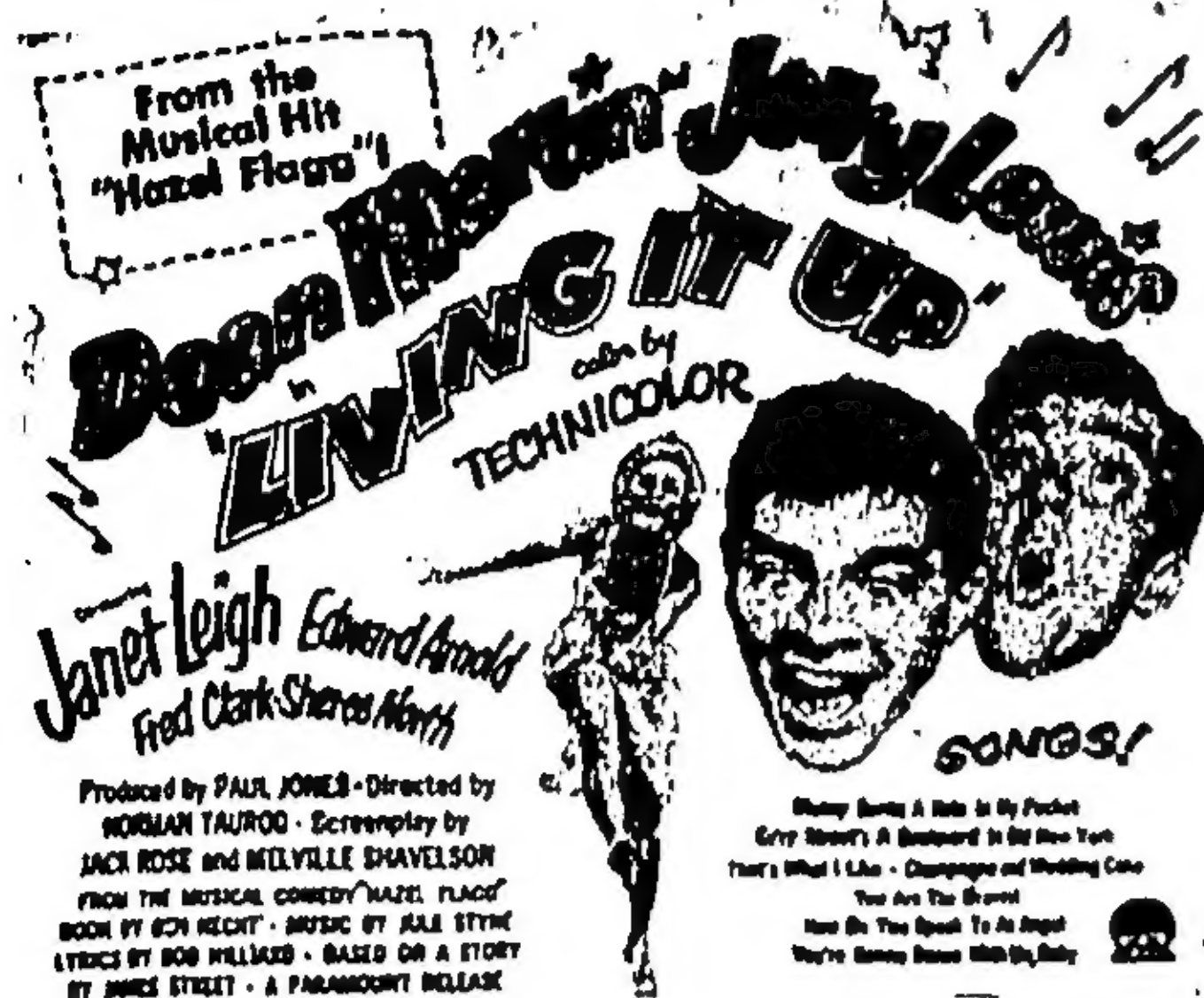


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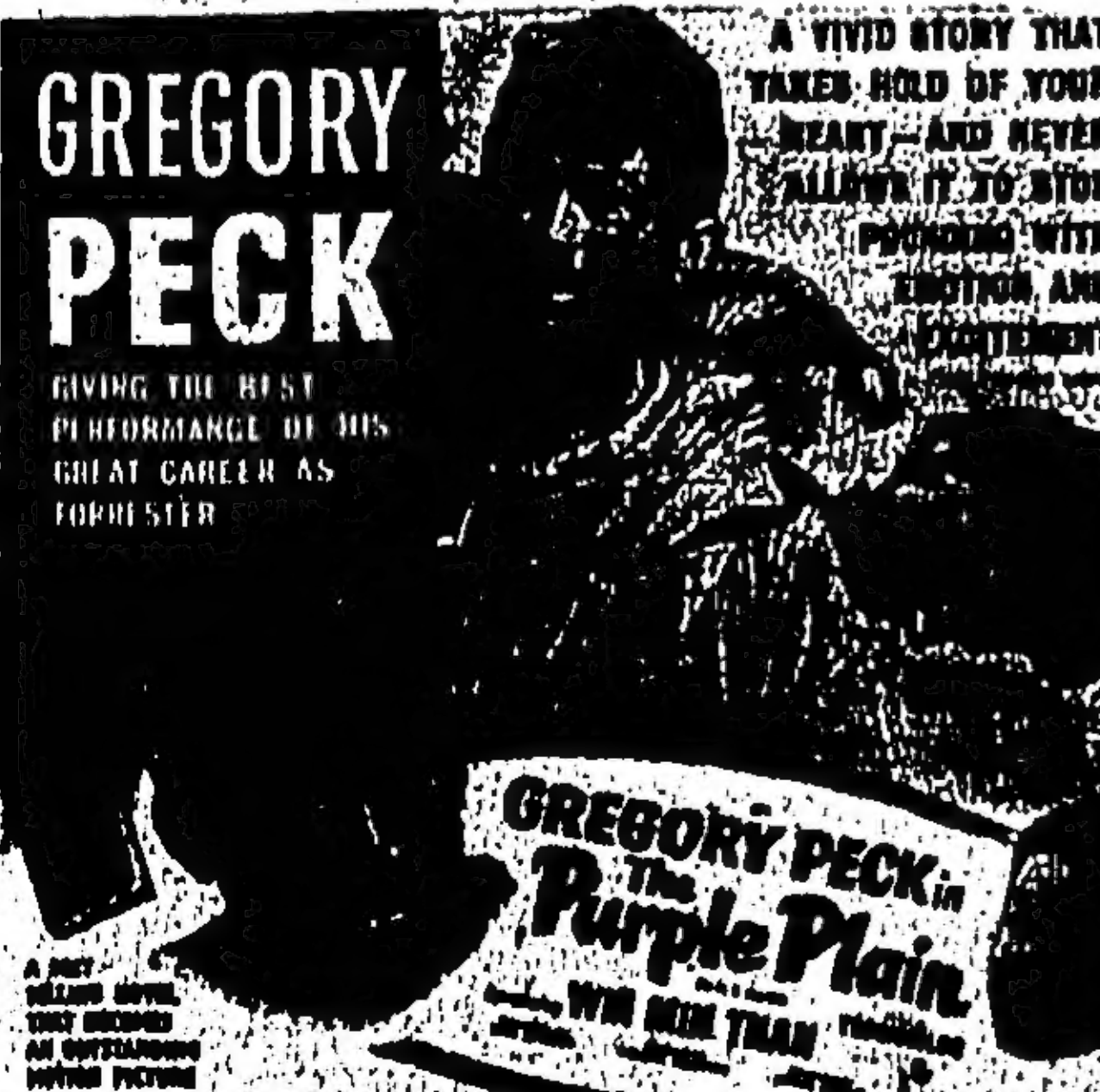
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XMAS CELEBRATIONS

Pilgrims Invade Bethlehem And Deadly Enemies Forget Their War

Bethlehem, Dec. 25.

Guarded barriers barring travel between Israel and Jordan swung open today on this day of peace and Christian pilgrims from many lands trekked humbly to the birthplace of Christ. Bells pealed out their tidings of joy over the tense Holy Land, split by an uneasy truce between the Israeli and the Arabs.

Diplomats and United Nations representatives travelled the very road the three Wise Men used when they followed their star on that day long ago—dusty now from disuse. But for most of the pilgrims the route lay through Jerusalem's Mandelbaum Gate and past the Garden of Gethsemane—now close to an Arab Legion frontier post.

A bright, clear morning heralded the advent of Christmas Day as pilgrims flocked through the streets of this tiny town.

Nearer the frontier Jerusalem also hummed with activity as tourists to a advantage of the yearly relaxation of frontier regulations to throng the streets of old Jerusalem, where Jesus walked nearly 2,000 years ago.

Over a thousand Israeli tourists alone visited the Holy City yesterday and today their number was trebled by sightseers from almost every Christian nation, including many Americans.

Diplomats and Consul officials returning to Jerusalem at 2 a.m. this morning after attending the Catholic Midnight Mass at Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity said that their year-long sight of the places where Jesus Christ walked and talked had been "awe inspiring."

Jerusalem today was a city of contrasts. The new (Israeli) sector, 500 acres of normally bustling modern commerce, lay shuttered and silent, for today is the Jewish Sabbath.

The Old City, where Christ lived, was filled to capacity with tourists and across the whole city the bells rang out.

To Christians Jerusalem is holy because it is the place where Christ lived, taught and was buried and resurrected. Moslems revere it because Mohammed ascended to heaven from the city, and to the Jews it is the sacred site of their temple and the ancient capital of their people.

THE VATICAN

Pope Pius XII, a frail white figure, appeared for a few moments today at the window of his study to bless the crowds of Roman and foreign pilgrims gathered outside the Vatican palace.

Professor Riccardo Galenzi, Lisi, his personal physician, stood closer behind as the Pope mounted a small platform in the big open window.

Cries of "Long live the Pope!" rang from the crowds as the Pontiff raised both his arms in greeting.

He was clearly visible in the brilliant winter sunlight which flooded into the study behind him.

He waved several times with both hands to acknowledge the shouts and clapping of the thousands of people below.

Doctors attending the ailing Pope will not be in attendance in his bedroom tonight—for the first time since he fell ill 25 days ago—authoritative Vatican sources said.

This is possible in view of the constant improvement in his health, the sources said.

In this afternoon's warm sun light the 78-year-old Pontiff again went for a 25-minute outing in a secluded corner of the Vatican gardens.

Storms In Europe

Christmas snow flurries powdered parts of Europe while today and men feared dead came home from settling seas.

Snowfalls following four days of howling gales and lasting rains painted picturesque villages like Christmas postcard but brought the terror of possible avalanches to parts of Switzerland.

The 1,371-ton Swedish steamer missing since Thursday with 20 men on board was located today on the island of Svalbard.

The captain, reported by radio all hands were safe and some had already reached shore.

The tug Holland, meanwhile, reached the hook of Holland towing the 2,764-ton Danish vessel Cimbric which stopped a propeller shaft at the height of the storm.

Schweinsingen Radio reported, however, that a tiny Swedish fishing ship that left Bornholm yesterday as seas settled was feared lost with three aboard.

Casualty reports boosted the death toll which reached on Christmas Eve to 123. At least 24 ships were wrecked or damaged, thousands were injured.

tunnelled out four bodies and were searching for the fifth.

The Davos avalanche warning Institute warned Christmas holidays of the dangers of heavy snowfalls. The service warned skiers to avoid long mountain tours and to stay within marked and guarded areas.

Snow also fell in Germany where authorities were still trying to estimate the damage in the four days of storms. Ice covered the four-lane superhighway crammed with Christmas traffic and autobahn safety patrols slipped along the drifting concrete.

Ice-thrashed roads forced motorists to abandon at least 40 cars in east France when temperatures dropped below freezing. On the battered western French coasts temperatures fell, too, as chill fog and mist billowed in from the standing seas.

Along the Belgian coast bleak grey clouds rolled in a day dark and windless in the wake of the storms.

In London the Air Ministry reported mild weather in most districts followed by slight rain drizzles.

Guests Of Germans

About 5,000 British servicemen celebrated Christmas Day as the invited guests of German families.

Thousands more sat down to traditional turkey lunches served by officers and senior non-commissioned officers.

The British Rhine Army Headquarters at Moenchengladbach, near the Dutch border, had the Royal Air Force unit at Eindhoven, Holland, had pork from Götting, Berlin where the R.A.F. has its own pig farm.

Most units had their best Christmas dinner since the occupation of Germany began in 1945. Naa officials said they made sure this would be the "jolliest Christmas yet."

Duties were cut to a minimum and R.A.F. units with the Second Allied Tactical Air Force had an official stand down from their commander, Air Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst.

Singapore

Despite brilliant sunshine, today was a wet Christmas for day of thousands of victims of last week's floods which covered many parts of Singapore and Malaya.

Many of the flood victims spent today returning to their damaged and muddy villages while others remained in relief centres. They were given rice and clothing donated by the public.

The worst flooded area was "Crocodile Town"—Kota Tinggi—in southern Johore where snakes and crocodiles swam around in the main streets. The crocodiles snatched ducks and dogs. But the people of Kota Tinggi were cheerful.

Mother Returns

Shenandoah, Iowa, Dec. 24. A wandering mother who was feared to be dead for five years answered the prayers of her four young sons today and came home for Christmas.

Mrs. Elsie Mae Rhoades Hill, 29, arrived by plane from New York with her new husband. She kissed her grinning boys. Calling each of them by name she threw her arms around the neck of her mother, who had cared for the children, and said, "Oh, mother, I am so sorry."

It was the first time this family has been re-united since Mrs. Hill, then a widow of three

months, became lost after a dance and was too ashamed afterward to go home.

She wandered from Missouri to Chicago and finally to New York while her mother, Mrs. Thomas Woods, cared for the four boys, Mike, David, Richard and Robert. The boys' ages now range from five to eight.

Reuter cables from world centres gave the following picture of Christmas in those countries:

Augusta, Georgia: President and Mrs. Eisenhower spent Christmas quietly in their snug brick house on the golf course here.

Raid Memorial Presbyterian Church, where the President and his wife usually attend, did not hold Christmas Day services but Mr and Mrs Eisenhower will go to church on Sunday.

New York: Hundreds of Christmas cards went out this year bearing a special stamp commemorating the first Christmas observance of the new world and post-marked from the tiny Haitian town of Petite Anse-au-Cap, where one of Columbus's ships was wrecked in December 1492.

Buenos Aires: Public celebrations of Christmas here were almost entirely non-religious with the traditional city crib and broadcast hymns absent and few Christian symbols in the shops.

The change followed President Juan Peron's recent complaints that the Catholic Church was interfering in politics. Since then divorce has been allowed, Catholic education curtailed and religious processions banned.

Ottawa: Four Canadians and four Americans celebrated the most northerly Christmas at the joint weather station at Alert on the tip of Ellesmere Island, 430 miles south of the Pole.

Melbourne: Australians manning research and weather outposts in Antarctica chatted to their relatives over a special radio hookup today as they enjoyed "festive" meals of penguin, seal steak and thick Christmas pudding.

Russian scientists of Polar Station No. 3 are to have trees for New Year festivities, according to Moscow Radio. The scientists are camped on a floating ice floe.

Paris: Parisians packed the capital's churches, restaurants and night clubs until well after dawn. Motorists defied a police ban by stalling their cars in the city after midnight when they were caught in a mammoth traffic jam.

Motor coaches took thousands of people out of the city to dine in provincial towns. More than 700,000 spent the holiday out of the city.

Geneva: About 80,000 people spent this Christmas in Europe's 200 refuge camps, nine years after the end of the war. In the camps were pinned up a message from the United Nations High Commissioner, which read in part: "May this time soon come when you will be sitting round a fire in a room you can truly call your home."

Stuttgart: The City Government put 50-foot tall illuminated Christmas trees in the front gardens of leading Americans living here and asked German families to invite American soldiers to their homes for Christmas dinner.

Berlin: Berlin airport's Santa Claus welcomed Hollywood film star Ava Gardner with a Christmas present which she arrived today for five days in the capital.

Moscow: Moscow Radio began its English language "mailbag"

programme today with greetings by the announcer, who said: "I just want to wish a Merry Christmas to all who are celebrating that day and repeat that Christmas wish which is surely the wish of all of us: peace on earth, goodwill towards men."

Cape Town: Thousands of people in Cape Province turned out at Cape Town, Grahamstown, Port Elizabeth, East London and other centres today to watch an annual eclipse of the sun in which the moon's shadow leaves a ring of light around the dark circle across the sun.—Reuter.

IRISHMEN TOLD NOT TO USE FORCE

Armagh, Ireland, Dec. 24.

Cardinal John Dalton, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland, tonight asked young Irishmen not to resort to violence "in their eagerness to end the unnatural division of our community."

Cardinal Dalton was voicing the Roman Catholic hierarchy's first condemnation of the illegal Irish Republican Army's campaign against Northern Ireland, which is divided politically from the Irish Republic and is part of the United Kingdom.

APPEAL

Preaching at midnight Mass in Armagh Cathedral, the Cardinal said: "I appeal to our young men not to join in unauthorised forces to which apparently they are sometimes asked to bind themselves by oath."

"Irishmen are ready to take heroic sacrifices for their community but they should not by precipitate and irresponsible actions injure the cause to which they are devoted."

He said the injustice of the partition was so glaring that it could not continue. But, every true lover of Ireland should pray that it would end in an atmosphere of goodwill.—Reuter.

Casablanca Bomb Explosion

Casablanca, Dec. 25. A bomb which killed three others in Casablanca today was exploded accidentally while terrorists were making homemade ammunition, a police enquiry revealed here tonight.

A police search in the building in the new Arab residential district, where the explosion took place resulted in the discovery of several detonators.

Another Moroccan died from bullet wounds after an attack outside his home in another part of the town. Earlier today two Moroccans were wounded by bullets.—France-Press and Reuter.

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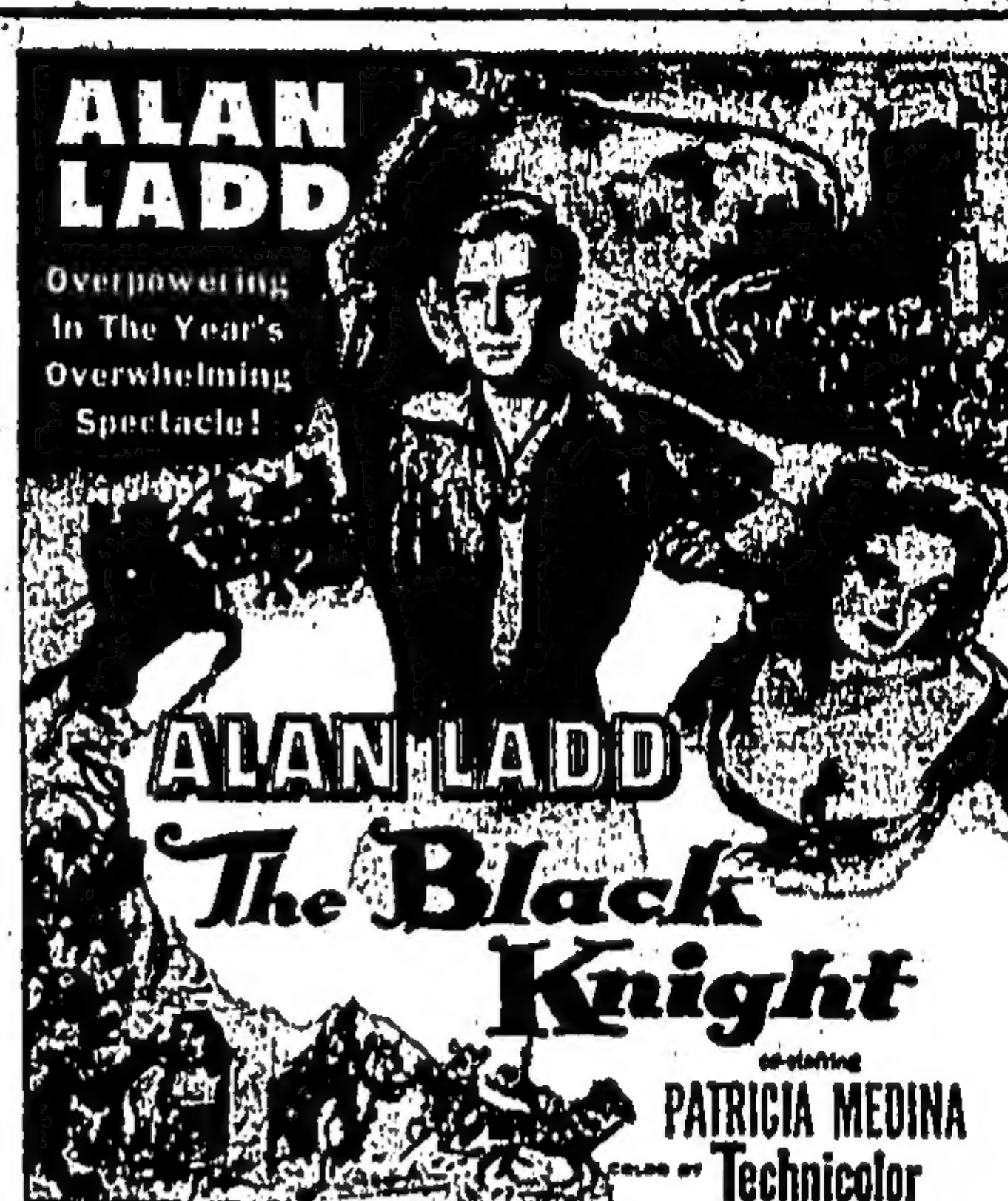


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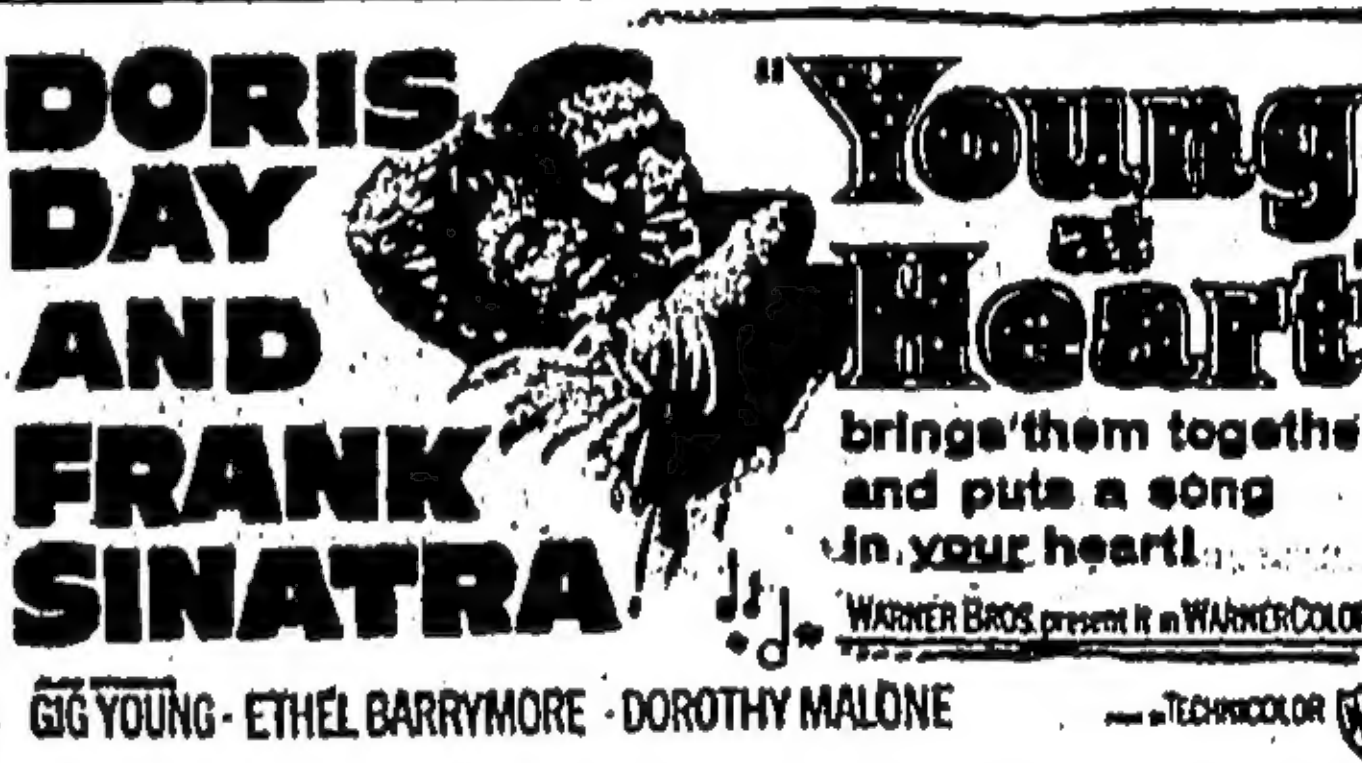
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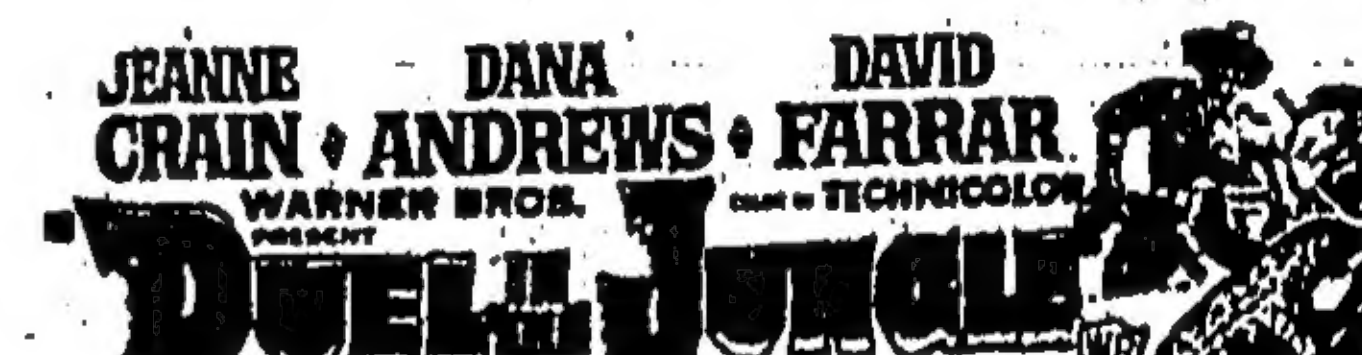


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WEST EUROPEAN UNION

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Britain's Offer Of Troops Depends On French Ratification

London, Dec. 24.

The British Foreign Office declared today that the British offer made at the London conference to keep British forces on the Continent of Europe depended on the ratification of the Paris agreements by all governments concerned.

The statement issued by the Foreign Office today, following the adverse vote in the French Assembly on the ratification of the Paris treaties, stated: "The Paris treaties are still under discussion in the Chamber and there is to be a further vote on Monday. It is clear that what is at stake is the unity of the Western Allies."

"The rejection of the Paris agreements would not mean that German rearmament would not take place," the Foreign Office statement continued.

The issue is not whether the German Federal Republic will return, but how.

ON AGREEMENT

"The United Kingdom commitment offered at the London conference to maintain British forces on the Continent of Europe depends on the ratification of the Paris agreements by all parties," the statement concluded.

Sir Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, was in conference at the Foreign Office today with senior advisers for several hours in the situation, following the French National Assembly's initial vote against the rearmament of West Germany early today.

M. Pierre Mendes-France's Government will face a critical confidence vote on Monday.

Sir Anthony Eden is understood to have received an analysis of the situation from Sir Gladwyn Jebb, British Ambassador to France.

The British Foreign Secretary postponed his departure to his country cottage in Wiltshire for the Christmas holidays this morning to work at the Foreign Office after he had learned of the French National Assembly's vote.

He finally left for Wiltshire this evening.

At the London nine-power conference on West Germany rearmament in September, Britain offered to keep four and a half divisions and a tactical air force on the European Continent until the terms of the conference, provided the agreements reached were ratified by all.

NEW AGREEMENT

This conference and the subsequent Paris meeting of foreign ministers decided to set up the new Western European Union—

Britain, France, the Benelux countries, Italy and Western Germany.

Under the Paris agreements, a renewed West Germany is also to be admitted to the Atlantic Pact.

In the meantime Premier Pierre Mendes-France was working desperately behind the scenes against time and a tide of anti-German rearmament sentiment in the French National Assembly which could wreck the West European Union and isolate France from her dismayed and angered allies.

The Premier has called for a show-down confidence vote on Monday afternoon, and most political observers believed that the reluctant Assembly would reverse its early Friday morning action and approve German rearmament and entry into NATO.

But the outcome was by no means certain. Western reaction to the Assembly's preliminary rejection of German rearmament hit France a sobering Christmas blow apparent even to the man in the street in the black headlines of the French Press.

Most non-Communist newspapers urged the Deputies to "live up to the responsibilities" and approve the accords which would put 500,000 West Germans into uniform on the second go-round.

The Communists were launching a determined drive to prevent the Deputies from back-tracking.

REDS JUBILANT

From Moscow to the smallest Party cells in France, the Reds mounted their jubilant campaign to bury West European Union in the National Assembly just as the European Defence Community was buried there.

They called for countryside demonstrations and a wave of

delegations to descend upon the Deputies on Monday when they return from their Christmas recess at home.

"Christmas Eve was more beautiful, more joyful," declared the Red organ L'Humanite triumphantly.

"... Even while rightly protesting by the occasion of their Deputies being home for the holidays, they (the people) are already preparing delegations everywhere, larger and more numerous than ever, which will present themselves from Monday onwards at the Palais Bourbon (Assembly) to consolidate and enlarge the first point marked and to win the final victory."

The Communist-led General Confederation of Labour (CGT), France's largest, called on its members to begin organising "various actions" on the job on Monday morning against the Paris pacts.

In Moscow, the Government newspaper Izvestia said that M. Mendes-France would spend his time until Monday "black-mailing" reluctant Deputies, and both Izvestia and the Communist party newspaper Pravda accused the United States and Britain of exercising "flagrant pressure" on France to approve the accords.

ANGRY REACTION

Angry reaction against the Assembly's rejection came from Washington, London, Bonn and Rome.

Rome newspapers seriously considered a situation in which Western policy would go forward without France, and the Gironde D'Italia said that on Monday "we will know" whether the French "can succeed in overcoming their complexes of inferiority and fear, or whether they prefer the isolation of their country, with all the grave and serious dangers which would accompany such a position."

In their surprise vote on Friday, the French Deputies approved articles covering the agreement with Germany over the industrial disputed Saar territory and restoration of German sovereignty.

But, in their rejection of West European Union, they knocked out the core of the whole West European defence plan.

U.S. REACTION

American State Department officials today endorsed Britain's warning to the French National Assembly that their rejection of the Paris agreements would not prevent German rearmament.

Questioned regarding the official statement issued by the Foreign Office on the Assembly's vote against German rearmament, officials said that the United States' attitude was precisely the same as Britain's.

It has been made clear here in the past that the United States pledge to retain the forces in a forward position in Europe are like those of Britain, conditional upon ratification of the Paris agreements rearmament Germany within the North Atlantic system.

If the French National Assembly finally rejects this part of the Paris agreements the United States is committed to make an agonising reappraisal of its policies towards France and Europe.

One of the proposals which will then come up for consideration will be the rearmament of Germany through a bilateral military agreement between the United States and Germany, rather than United States and United States.



With the recent birth of their son Alain—the 24th child—M. and Mme Marcel Devaud, pictured with 14 of their children now have the biggest family in France. Marcel is a 47-year-old lorry driver and his wife is 44 and they hope to have still more children. The record includes no twins—no triplets—but an even steady one a year since the couple were married in 1928—almost. Twenty-two of the children are still living. Feeding and clothing the children provides little problem for father earns 25,000 francs (about £25) a month and the Government provides 82,770 francs a month (about £83)—a figure that will be raised now that the new baby has arrived. The family live in a farmhouse inherited by the Devauds in a small village of Epaves, north of Bordeaux.—Express Photo.

Mine Disaster

Mets, Dec. 24.

A mine disaster near here last night has taken a toll of seven dead and two injured, it was announced today.

Rescue workers toiled during the night extricating the bodies of the dead and injured after a violent explosion had buried several miners deep underground in the Simone III pit. —France-Press.

THAILAND SHORT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Bangkok, Dec. 26.

Thailand is experiencing an acute shortage of foreign exchange and of baht—the local currency—according to banking circles.

Foreign exchange was so short that some banks were being limited to about £500 and 600 U.S. dollars per day by the Bank of Thailand at the official rate of exchange.

The shortage of baht was even more acute and this has forced some banks to sell their small supplies of foreign exchange in order to obtain the local currency.

Most observers here considered that the only way for Thailand to solve this problem was to reduce the price of rice in order to boost export sales in the hope of bringing in more foreign exchange.—China Mail Special.

ELEVEN KILLED

Johannesburg, Dec. 25.

Eleven people were killed in a collision between two lorries on the Potchefstroom-Johannesburg Road last night.—Reuter.

Two-party system call in Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Dec. 25.

The call during Marshal Tito's absence in India by the deposed Communist leader, Mr. Milovan Djilas, for a two-party system in Yugoslavia may provoke a new crisis in the Yugoslav Communist Party in the opinion of foreign observers here.

Mr. Djilas, who after one year's silence urged in a statement to an American newspaper the establishment of a "democratic Socialist" political formation, was in the unusual position in a Communist country of being purged and yet able to try to stage a resurrection on the political scene.

Since being expelled from the Party executive last January for deviation he has been living quietly in Belgrade. President Tito made now decide whether to stop Mr. Djilas from speaking publicly, Reuter.

SEVERE STORMS LASH THE CONTINENT

London, Dec. 24.

The storms which spread destruction across Western Europe yesterday died down today, ending the danger to North Sea coast dykes but left a toll of 100 people dead or missing on land and sea.

In Holland, where hundreds of people were evacuated from low lying areas in face of the flood threat, an army of dyke workers repaired damaged sea walls.

Four ships with more than 70 people on board were still missing in the North Sea tonight. They were the 1,326-ton Henri Deweerdt of Belgium, the Swedish ship Petra (1,371 tons), the Gerda Toft, 2,925 tons of Denmark, and the German motor vessel Fried Mariechen.

The death toll on land included four people in France, two in Holland, one in Belgium, 21 in Germany—including a little girl electrocuted by a broken high tension power wire—and two sailors swept overboard from an Italian liner near Leghorn.

Reuter reports from many centres were:

HEAVY SNOW

Paris: Heavy snow falling in Savoy for 48 hours has cut off isolated villages.

The fierce mistral wind from the Mediterranean, which caused four deaths in Southern France yesterday, was dying today.

Frankfurt: Gusts of wind still endanger bombed ruins in Hesse and Bavaria. Most of the 21 killed in the storms were buried by collapsing ruins or struck by flying tiles.

Vienne: Many mountain roads were blocked by 30-foot snow-drifts or by avalanches caused by the storms. Thirty people were injured.

Berne: Avalanches today isolated several Alpine hamlets and blocked a number of roads.

Rome: Fifty-foot high waves lashed Marina Di Pisa on the West coast flooding water front houses.

The Hague: All danger to the Dutch dykes is regarded as over though the wind will increase in strength tomorrow, according to forecasts.—Reuter.

NEW YORK DEATHS

New York, Dec. 25. Ten children under nine years old were killed in one house last night in Parkin, Arkansas, when a stove exploded.

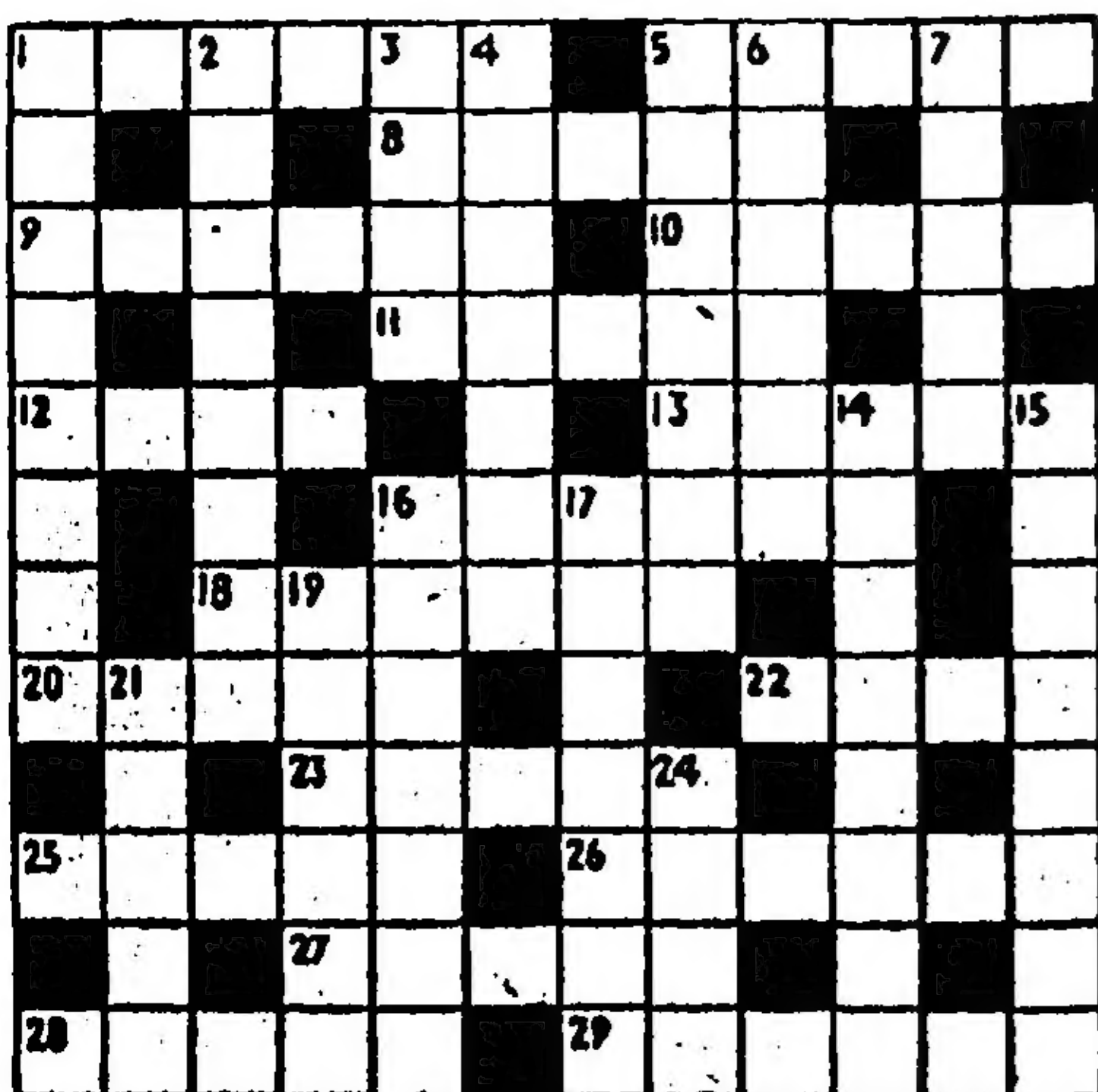
Another person also died in the explosion.

America's Christmas death toll rose steadily today to 146 by mid-day.

From dusk last night 116 people died in traffic mishaps, 22 in fires and eight in other accidents.

Last Christmas holiday, which covered a 78-hour period, accidents took 717 lives including 885 in traffic accidents.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Feverish (6).
- 5 Conceals (5).
- 8 Punishment mark (5).
- 9 Small horses (6).
- 10 County (5).
- 11 Condition (5).
- 12 Vegetable (4).
- 13 Rub out (5).
- 16 Diverted (6).
- 18 Accent (6).
- 20 Precipitous (5).
- 22 Transparent mineral (4).
- 23 Froghen (5).
- 25 Agreements (5).
- 26 Powerful (5).
- 27 Anaesthetic (5).
- 28 Raps (5).
- 29 One who owes money (5).

DOWN

- 2 Desperate (5).
- 3 Talk (5).
- 4 Cold confections (4).
- 6 Giant (7).
- 7 Entertaining lady (7).
- 8 Exist in (5).
- 9 Noblemen (5).
- 14 Nearby (5).
- 15 Person appointed to carry out provisions of a will (5).
- 16 Slope (7).
- 17 Took without right (7).
- 18 Tired out (5).
- 21 Lift (5).
- 24 Painful (4).

FRIDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Gambol, 7 Riot, 9 Tiers, 10 Geste, 11 Ease, 12 Disentling, 15 Year, 16 Visa, 19 Irradiate, 22 Stop, 24 Agent, 25 Crowl, 26 Hied, 27 Recker, 28 Down: 2 Amies, 3 Bravo, 4 Legato, 5 Oriental, 6 Foss, 8 Image, 12 Bats, 13 Dives, 14 Stumped, 17 Starg, 18 Master, 20 Uncle, 21 Abate, 23 Tail.

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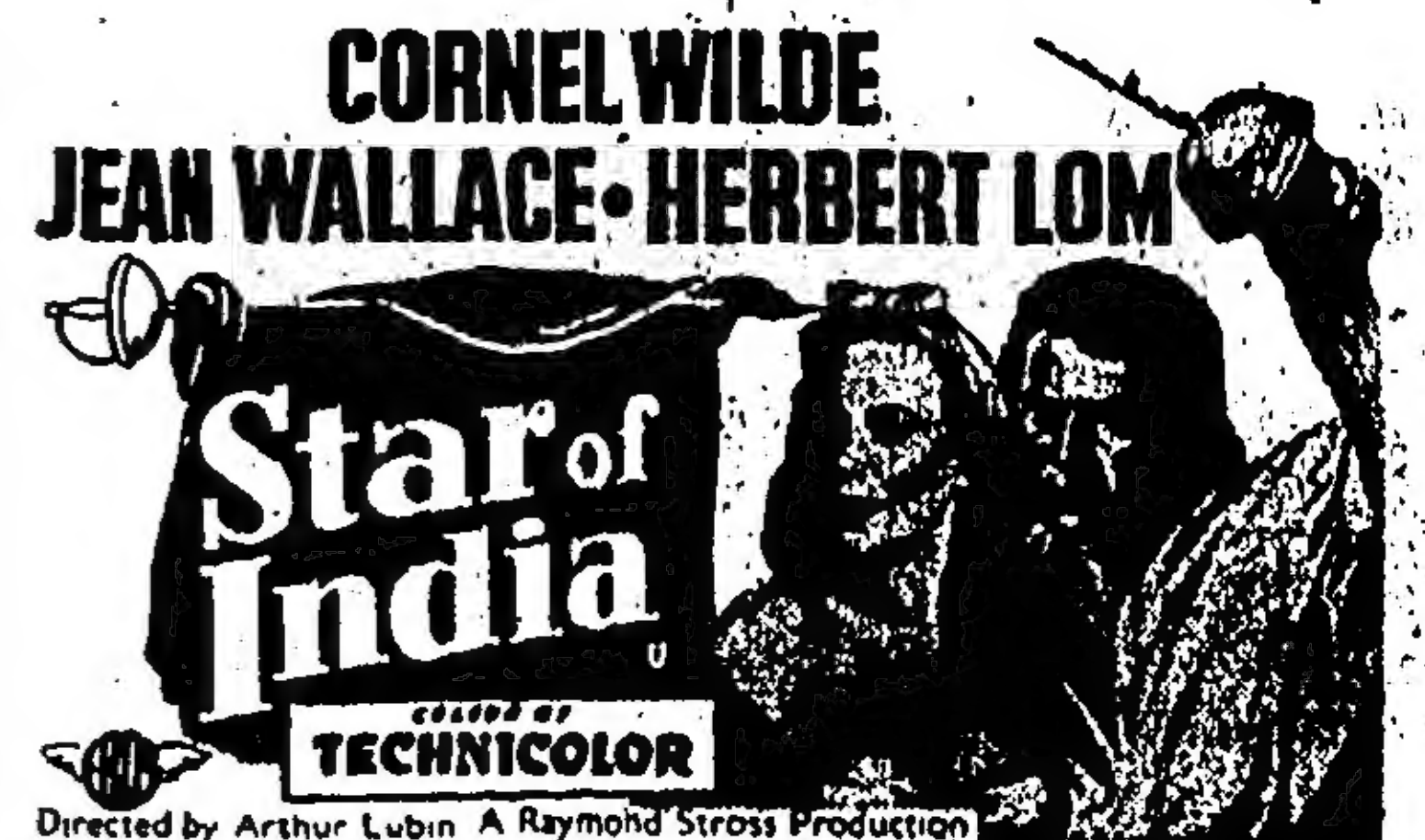


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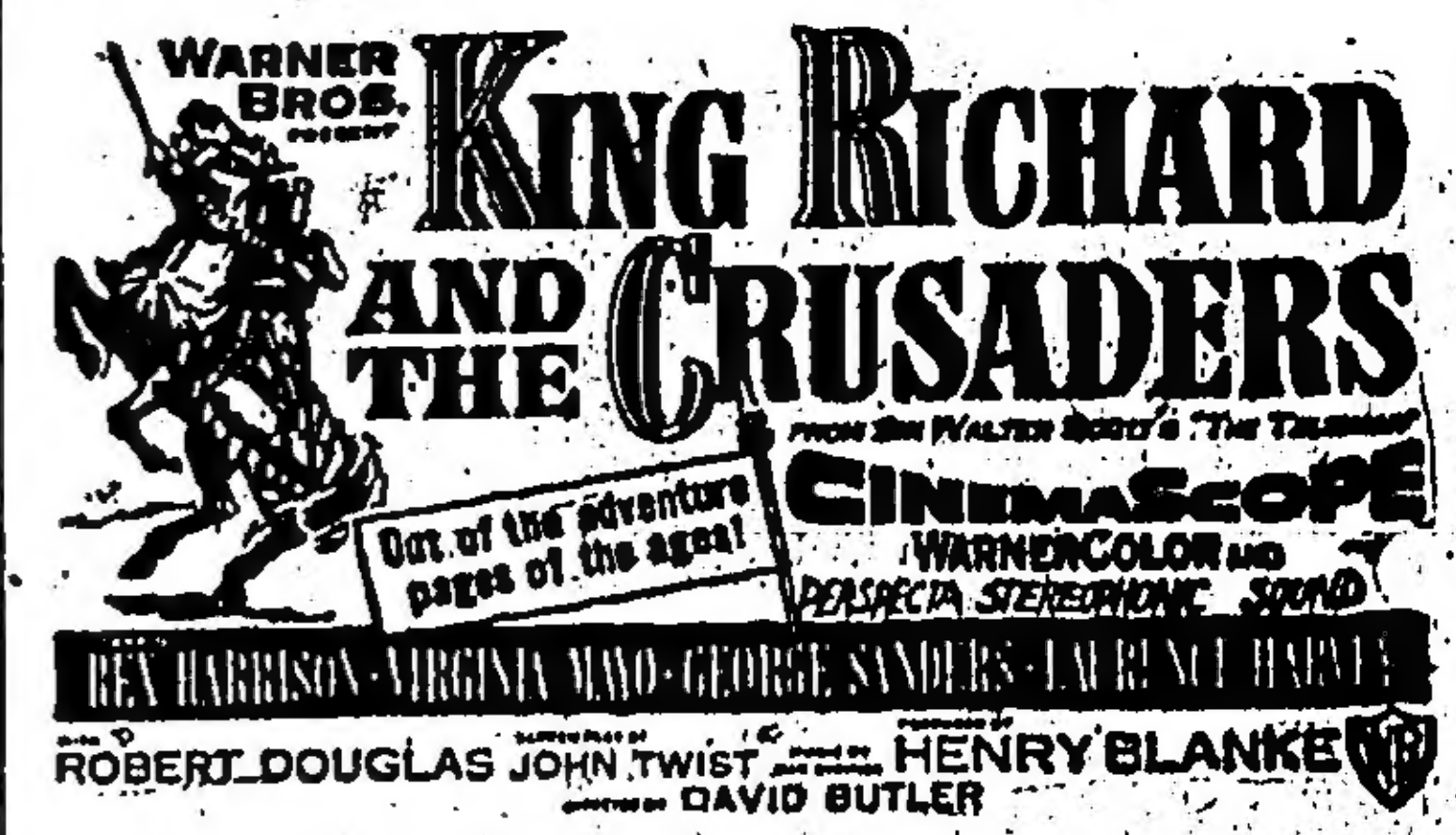


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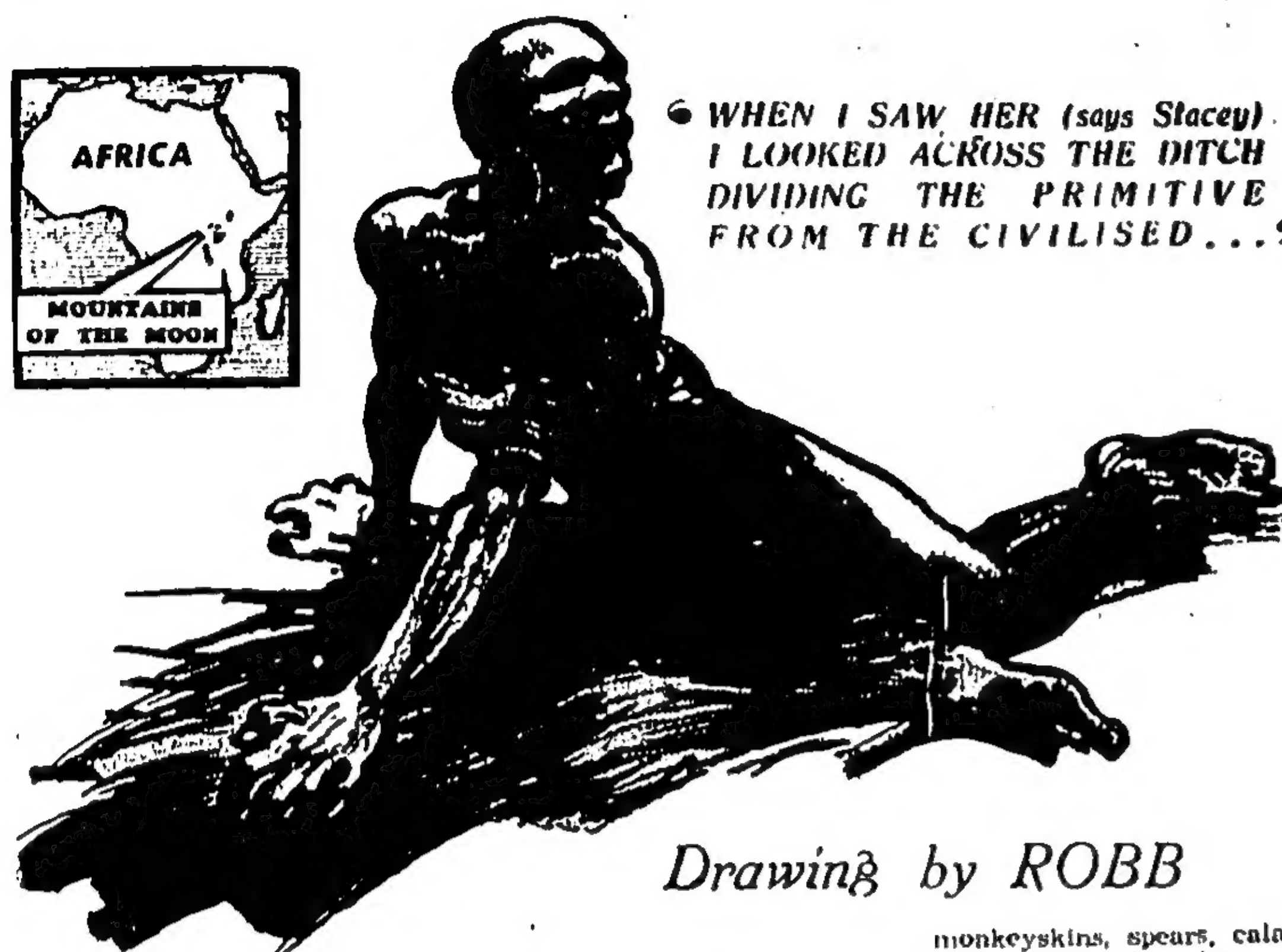
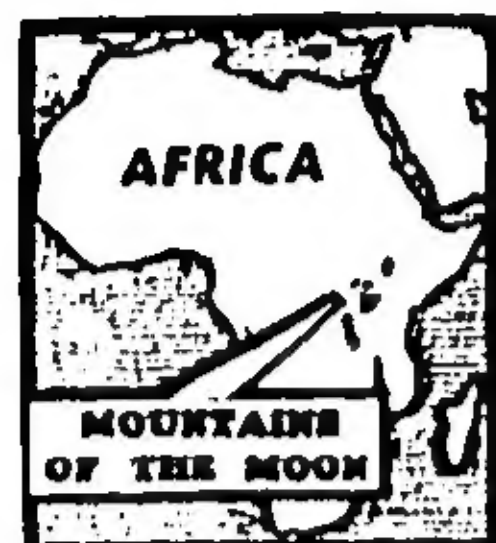
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JUNGLE WOMAN

This is MUSOKI—a wife bought for nine goats in the far-away Mountains of the Moon.



WHEN I SAW HER (says Stacey) I LOOKED ACROSS THE DITCH DIVIDING THE PRIMITIVE FROM THE CIVILISED...

Drawing by ROBB

by TOM STACEY
Old Etonian turned Explorer in Africa

IT was fair breaking my heart to watch that crippled old woman so very slowly mounting the hill. On her back a bundle of firewood, approximately as heavy as herself. I could see her muscles shivering, and her exhausted eyes.

I was chatting and taking photographs among a group of Bakonjo tribesmen in Kiboko village compound on the slopes of Ruwenzori, the snow-capped "Mountains of the Moon" overlooking the Ituri jungle. One among us, Chief Khavairu with his upturned beard, was the woman's husband.

Just then the old woman fell and rolled over with a small cry. She remained panting on the ground. Then she began to get to her feet, without immediate success. No one moved. No one said anything.

About to snap her, I lowered my camera—hating she might

think this melancholy moment was being recorded. It was all I could do.

Had I gone to help her, she would have scuttled away in fear. Had I ordered one of the men to help her, he would have obeyed reluctantly, thinking me unmanly, aggravated at my interference against his authority.

WIDE DITCH

"She's lame," said Khavairu, seeing my shock. But he was not excusing himself for not helping her; he was apologising for his wife's ungainly performance. And once again, it struck me that this attitude of the undeveloped Africans to their women is one of the widest and most distant ditches dividing primitive from civilised.

My friend Khavairu and his Bakonjo family tell the tale well—they are pretty typical. I spent close on a fortnight in Khavairu's hut, with his pots,

monkeyskins, spears, calabashes, drums, cockroaches, rats, chicken, sheep, goats, and children.

As a rich man, owning some 30 sheep and goats and two or three cultivation patches, Khavairu has been able to afford five wives so far.

Officially an Anglican Christian, he is an ardent believer in Jesus Christ and about 40 pagan spirits.

The reason he has got so many wives (and will get more) is because they all work for him like billy-goats, and usually bear him children who from four years will work like billy-goats too.

When he wants to marry again he approaches the girl's papa, and starts bargaining. Additional wives cost around five goats (cheque made out to Papa).

Musoki—it was she who had fallen down—was Khavairu's first wife, costing nine goats and a black sheep. (When I was speaking to her secretly later, and hearing things, I noticed how there seemed to be nothing in her face; neither sweetness nor sadness, nor love nor bitterness.)

EXPRESSIONLESS

Musoki had been a strong, obedient girl, known for her digging proficiency. Not pretty. Beauty is not much considered, and anyway she did not meet Khavairu until after the parents had arranged the marriage for the following month. But in those days she was not yet lame.

She married at 13 or 14. She began having children straight away. She continued to have them until she was no longer able. Just less than one third of her children born alive reached adolescence.

I said she was old now. She is 40. But she looks 60. And she was glad when Khavairu married number two—a young and prettier lass. The new girl helped out a lot on the millet and maize plots, lent a strong young hand to wood-collecting and cooking.

When the other wives fell in some of their wives of Khavairu's dead brothers and relatives, the chores ended. But that was when the pain began in Musoki's leg and when Khavairu began to neglect her, even though by custom he should have shared his time among his wives.

PART OF LIFE

Musoki still counted herself luckier than some. Luckier, for example, than the young woman on the next hill—who was named a witch by Kamabu, the local medicine man, when she became the mother of twins.

This woman was dismissed by her husband. Cut off—for ever—from her year-old babes, she made herself a mean, bumboo-fibre shelter in the forest, not knowing the man's craft of hut building. I saw her there, her mother's eyes turned savage.

As for Musoki, she has her fobs. Food, smoky shelter, goat-skins for clothes. Her beads and her bangles. Her strong, young son Kule not far off, and his little wife, who sometimes comes up for a word of advice from old Ma Musoki.

And this part of life, like the sudden fog which comes down off the snow peaks and smother the 50-mile view. Like the 10 miles she will never cover to the dispensary.

Yes, like life... in the Mountains of the Moon.



"Thanks to your master escape plan, we missed a jolly good concert in the warm."
(London Express Service).

SUCCESS STORIES of 1954

TRUMPETER Eddie Calvert, the shoemaker's son, put his record of Oh Mein Papa ("world sales approaching 3,000,000," he murmured) on the radiogram and fumbled with the starter-buttons. But for once the 18ct. gold-plated trumpet was silent.

His mouth—insured for £10,000—fell open. He muttered apologies. "All these buttons. Never know how the datted thing works. It's new, you see," says Eddie. You are immediately on first-name terms with him.

Everything in the 1954 Calvert household is brand new. Eddie Calvert and his wife are living in a handsome newly-built, £7,000 house in a new of new houses in Paddington. It is furnished entirely in contemporary style; surrealist lampshades, off-white carpets, yellow and grey striped settees and arm-chairs.

In the garage stand two cars. The Calverts have one each. The Jaguar is Eddie's; the Austin belongs to his wife Josephine.

Two diamond rings sparkle on Mrs Calvert's fingers. Eddie tells you that the bigger diamond is 3½ct. It is a belated engagement ring; they were married 10 years ago.

Eddie's suit cost £52 10s. But it is looking rather crumpled—he is not one for sartorial elegance.

"I'm like Churchill," he tells you. "I'd much rather wear a siren suit all the time."

But today Eddie Calvert is in the big money. He feels obliged to spend on an appropriate scale.

In Japan too

This year, sales of his record of Oh Mein Papa climbed past the million mark—earning him a Gold Disc, the Oscar of the recording artists. The three million figure is being reached with sales in such unlikely places as Thailand, Burma, Alaska and Japan.

B.P.—Before Papa—no record of his sold more than 30,000 copies.

Excitedly, Eddie begins to reel off the statistics of his success. "I'm making more than £1,000 a week," he says. "It's a lot of money, sure. But I could make more. In America I was offered 10,000 dollars (about £3,500) for a three-minute TV appearance but the Musicians Union wouldn't let me take it."

"Why should I work a whole week to make £1,000? If I can make that much in two days in the States!"

There have been 38 recordings of Papa ("22 of them imitations of mine"). Only one other—Eddie Tiger—has approached the million sales figure. This fabulous success of the Calvert recording series is a national explanation. But Eddie has an explanation. It centres him at any rate.

THIS is how to blow your own trumpet!



MR. and MRS. EDDIE CALVERT.

"First," he says, "there had never been a father song. I filled a need. Then the semi-religious holse I make sounds very much like a Salvation Army band on a Sunday morning."

"Lastly, I don't understand German."

I did not quite see how lack of German contributed to his success.

Strictly corny

He explained further: "Well, you see, if I'd understood the German words I would have realised that Oh Mein Papa was a gay song about a circus clown. And I would have played it gay. Instead I played it melancholy. And so it became an all-time hit."

"Let's face it. I'm strictly corny. But so? It's what they like." His latest record, Midnight, is approaching half-million sales.

"Not bad," he says. "What do I mean, not bad? It's damned good. I'm getting blasé. Papa has taken the thrill out of things for me. You can only be knighted once. Will I ever do better than Papa? I shouldn't think so—but I'm improving."

Done it all

my royalties and interests. But I still got ambitions."

His interests include a music publishing company and a company that puts on touring shows. His ambitions include a six-month holiday in the Bahamas, a world tour, owning a helicopter and a cabin-cruiser.

They do not include any new achievements with his trumpet. "I've done pretty well everything you can do with a trumpet."

His wife, Josephine, says: "It's funny, Eddie. You been playing this way all the time. You don't play any different now from what you did 10 years ago. But now they pay you thousands of pounds. At one time they wouldn't even listen to you."

At one time... at one time he was earning £9 a week in a dance band and sharing a single room without any window panes with two other musicians.

He owned a lounge suit and a dress suit—"Off the peg for £4, 10s."—and a toothbrush and a safety razor. Not much else.

It's horrible

He met his wife, a cashier at a West End cinema, when she came to the restaurant at which he was playing. He bought her a drink; and was fired for fraternising with the customers.

They ran into each other again later, and he said to her: "You'd better let me take you to dinner. I lost my job because of you."

Now in this, for him, Golden Year of 1954, he has earned the unusual distinction of having a film based on his colourful career.

An Arthur Rank script-writer almost lived with the Calverts for eight weeks.

"They say it's not my story," Eddie remarks indignantly. "Both look, I'll show you. There are bits in this script which are word for word out of my life."

He showed me the script. It was full of pencil marks. The marked passages were the ones to which he had taken exception.

"This trumpeter," says Eddie, "they've made him into a horrible man. They'll have to change it. They can't associate my name with that sort of a man."

The STAR builder rations MARILYN

By DAVID LEWIN

London. DARRYL F. (for Francis) ZANUCK, £150,000-a-year Hollywood film-maker in London for the first time in five years, talked frankly about the stars, his employes.

Zanuck, a wiry 51, paced up and down in his hotel suite and talked fluently about what makes a star:—

"The stars must have glamour. It is no use presenting them as being like the girl next door or the boy at the petrol pump. If people wanted that they would go next door—or to the nearest garage."

Flop = Success

ON that basis who, in the opinion of star-maker Zanuck, are the true stars of today?

He ticked them off: "Marilyn Monroe, Ava Gardner, Gregory Peck, and John Wayne, and still Rita Hayworth. Her last film, 'Miss Sadie Thompson,' may have been a flop—but it was a successful flop."

"And there are artists who are stars in their special fields: James Stewart, Gary Cooper, and Esther Williams. Those are the names I think of first."

Zanuck (home town: Wahpet, Nebraska) makes 15 Cinema-scope films a year and spends \$8,000,000 as chief of production at 20th Century-Fox and the company's vice-president.

He got down to cases. MONROE: "We've got to make sure people don't get fed up with seeing her. There has been so much talk about Marilyn Monroe now there is a danger that the woman at home will say, 'All right—so she makes men excited. Enough of her.' In future she'll make only two films a year and there won't be so many photographs of her sent around."

RICHARD BURTON: "I put him among the three finest actors in the world."

"But that doesn't automatically make him a star—although 'The Robe,' was among the biggest box-office money-makers of all time (£13,000,000 gross). Burton has acted all his parts so far—but what about his personality? No opportunity to show it yet."

I think that he—like Laurence Olivier years ago—will have a stuttering start and creep up on people slowly."

Purdum = Luck

EDMUND PURDUM, the actor from England who became a big name player in "The Egyptian," is the luckiest human being ever to have lived in films. But "The Egyptian" was beyond his powers. It should have come later when he had landed more experience.

"I gave him the part after Marlon Brando would not play it. It was written for a Brando as a wild, crazy man. Purdum was rather a dull Englishman with a handsome face. Nothing crazy about him."

"Purdum has a tough road ahead before he is as good as he is handsome."

During the few days he is in London Zanuck will be talking with British film producers about Cinema-scope, which he pioneered.

Said Zanuck: "Cinema-scope isn't magic. It can't make a bad film good—but it can make a bad film look better. And it does make a great picture greater."

POCKET CARTOON

By OSBERT LANCASTER



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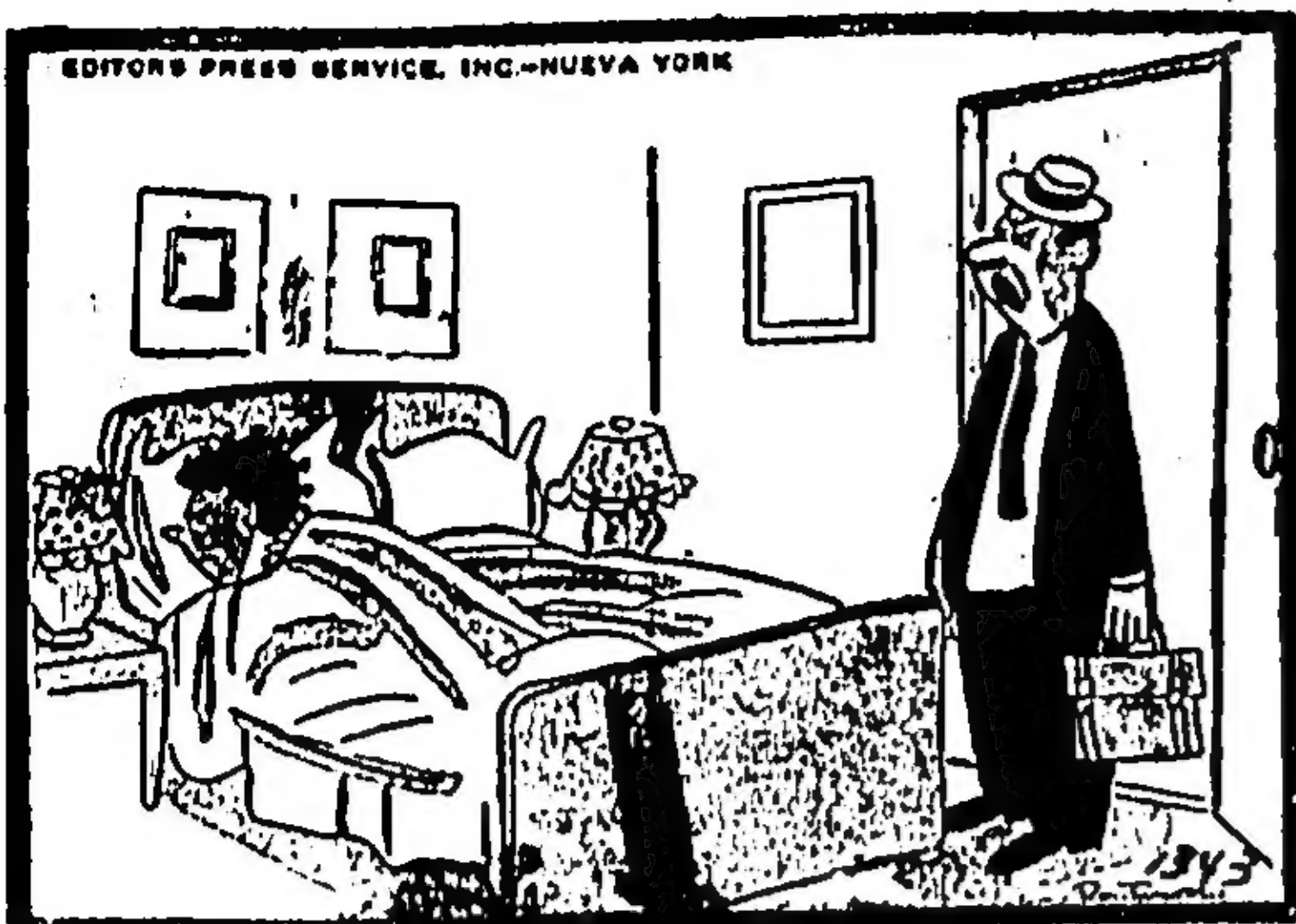
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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE invention of a bomb so powerful that it would not smash an egg-cup five yards away from the explosion has startled the scientists.

In the hands of a scrupulous State this non-lethal weapon, incapable of wiping out an entire egg-cup, might reduce war to a farce. Already there is talk of a still less powerful bomb which would not even dent the shell of an egg at a range of six inches. It is believed that the former bomb has already been exploded in a field. Field-mix playing near by went on with their zines and apparently noticed nothing unusual. This bomb, the Q-bomb, is the invention of Dr. Strabismus (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht.

The Q-bomb

WHEN exploded the bomb makes a sound like a blackberry thrown on to a sheet of zinc, and there rises slowly into the air a puff of smoke as from a cigarette. This smoke is quite harmless. The bomb is so small that a bomber-plane could carry 500,000, if such an operation were thought worth

while. Asked if the invention could be used for peaceful purposes, the sage replied: "It could no doubt be applied to non-warlike activities. In fact it can hardly be considered as a weapon at all. No country would want to be the first to use it, and as a weapon of defence or retaliation it would cause nothing but laughter."

Narkover news

YET again the Narkover fees have been reduced. Asked how this can be explained, Dr. Smart-Alick said: "We are self-supporting, in a sense. Also, we have had one or two windfalls lately. Then again, we plough back in profits."

In a recent bridge tournament the Narkover team did not lose a single game. As an opponent said: "With uncanny cadence, they seemed to know what was in their opponents' hands." "Almost before those hands were dealt," added a disgruntled observer. "Anyhow, the head-master has a new cut, which is kept in a garage deep underground, with three sets of steel doors and a series of burglar alarms. Already 17 boys and five masters have been caught 'having a look round'."

A history master is in town with the head waiter in a London restaurant, who sells him receipted bills which the master sells to business men for their expenses accounts. "Soul-shattering" WE aren't, apparently, seen anything yet. When the new purported unimpaired transpositional camera lens is used for historical cinematograph effects, you will be able to see the film above and beneath you, as well as all round you. The entire theatre will be filled with the film, and you will not know whether you are lighting a cigarette for yourself or for Mr. Gregory Peck as Charlie Maguire.

DUMB-BELLS



YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

BORN today, you have an alert mind, a sympathetic heart and a dramatic approach to everything you undertake. You have been given the gift of words and will probably be able to write effectively. There is one handicap which you must attempt to overcome: you are inclined to underestimate your capabilities and consequently do not have as much self-confidence as you should have. Remember that the world is too apt to evaluate you no higher than you evaluate yourself.

You have an excellent memory, know how to investigate conditions and then present the facts. You also have an interest in the natural sciences, one of which might be selected as a career to bring you exceptional success. You know how to keep secret information in confidence and would never betray a friend.

You are intensely loyal to those you love. Members of your own family can do no wrong! You may need to school yourself to be a little more stern and more of a disciplinarian. If you are placed in charge of work, your tendency is to do it all—and let others loaf on the job, because you hesitate to push too much.

Among those who were born on this date are: Louis Bromfield, author; Johann Kopler, astronomer; Pasteur, biologist; Nicholas J. Roosevelt, financier; Sidney Greenstreet, actor; Marlene Dietrich, actress; and William W. Corden, philanthropist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

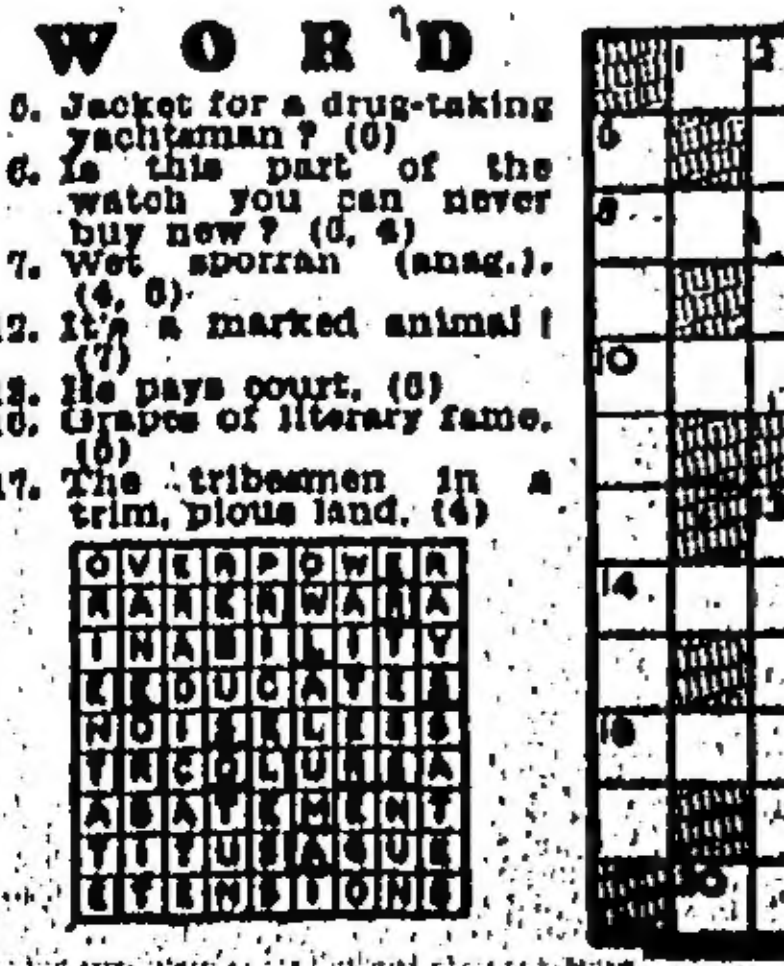
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Take things slowly, but start out that you do not rush impulsively into a matter without sufficient thought. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Carelessness and hasty action can cause trouble, so be on your guard against any possibility of serious error. PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Definitely not your day to howl! Keep strictly to familiar routine and watch your step. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Don't get involved in an argument. It could turn into a serious quarrel. Today compromise for peace. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Someone may be trying to pull the wool over your eyes, so investigate any proposition offered to you. GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Take no chances. Adventureous action is really risky. Play things safe and sane, for now.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—If you are wide awake and thoroughly alert to all the implications of an event, you can ward off possible danger. LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Do not overextend your credit or take on added obligations. Right now, being conservative is safer. VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If driving in heavy traffic, be careful of the other fellow! He may not be a reckless one. LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—There are apt to be limitations to anything you try to do now, so don't expect too much. Follow routine. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Continue to be conservative in all your actions, or you may find some difficulty has to be faced. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If driving today, keep your eyes on the road. Otherwise you could be involved in an accident.

2. Do back to rot. (5)
3. Small credit for each man. (4)
4. Your enemy gets involved in a beating. (7)

CROSSWORD

- Across
- Secret about the risk. (10)
 - Penelope's ending. (6)
 - There's a famous place for it in Paris. (8)
 - We often hear about it. (4)
 - It's on the seaside. (7)
 - Problem for any Governor. (4)
 - There's a white one on many a sign. (4)
 - Character in the gospel column. (4)
 - Cause harm, though a twin might say it. (6)
 - It's a safe go ahead. (5)
- Down
- Do back to rot. (5)
 - Small credit for each man. (4)
 - Your enemy gets involved in a beating. (7)



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Take Tips From Tourney Players

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played in the national team championship recently, it was difficult for South to stay out of trouble. In one room, the South player got to four hearts and went down one trick quickly and quietly. In the other room, as shown in the diagram, South got to three no-trump and muffed his chance to make that contract. West opened the queen of spades, and South properly allowed him to hold the trick. West continued with the jack of spades, and South won with the king. It was now clear that West had a long spade suit, headed by all of the missing strength, since otherwise he wouldn't have been so eager to hammer away at South's bad suit.

South needed the diamonds to make his contract, so he led a diamond towards the dummy. When this held, South drew a sigh of relief and cashed the ace of diamonds. South had sighed too soon, for this was a mistake.

West naturally played the king of diamonds, and the next diamond trick was won by East. It was easy for East to return his last spade, whereupon West set the contract by taking the rest of the spades.

South knew that he had to lose a diamond trick no matter how favourably the suit might break. (Even if you give West the king-jack of diamonds, East will still have 10-x-x and must make a trick.) The important thing was to lose the diamond

NORTH			
None	6		
A 65			
A Q 8 7 3			
A Q 10 9 5			
WEST			
A Q J 10 8			
10 7 2			
K 4			
8 2			
EAST			
5 4			
8 4			
J 10 9			
K J 7 4 3			
SOUTH (D)			
K 9 7 0 3			
K Q 9 3			
8 2			
A			
East-West vul.			
South	West	North	East
1	Pass	2	Pass
2	Pass	3	Pass
3	Pass	3	Pass
J.N.T.	Pass	3	Pass
Opening lead—A Q			

trick to West rather than to East in order to avoid losing a total of four spade tricks.

When the finesse of the queen of diamonds succeeds, South must lead a heart to his king and return another diamond towards the dummy. West must play the king, of course, and he should be allowed to hold the trick. Now West can take only two further spade tricks, but he cannot prevent declarer from winning the contract with three hearts, four diamonds, a spade, and a club.

It is quite true that West might have more than two diamonds, but this wouldn't alter the situation. If West is able to play a low diamond on the second round of that suit, dummy can play the ace and give the third trick to West's king. If West puts up the king of diamonds on the second round, he is allowed to hold the trick. This play makes sure that West has the only defensive diamond trick.

CARD SENSE

Q—With neither side vulnerable the bidding has been: North 1 Spade 2 Clubs Pass West 1 Spade 2 Clubs Pass Pass Double Pass?

A—Bid three hearts. Considering the fact that you passed over two clubs, this is as good a hand and as good a major suit as your partner can possibly expect you to have. You must be safe at three hearts, and if North has a sound re-opening double, he will raise you to game.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 8-2, Hearts 9-5-3, Clubs 5-3. Diamonds K-7-2, Club 3. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

WOMANSENSE

DIOR'S LATEST CREATIONS



Left: For New Year festivities, Christian Dior presents his latest creation—a white lace evening gown. Right: Also by Dior, a wide beige felt skirt with black embroidery on the hem and a black woolen jersey pullover to match—Agence France-Presse.

NOW MINK BLANKETS AND JEANS

WHEN a woman sighs for mink these days, she may have something besides a coat in mind. Say a mink blanket or mink blue jeans.

Designers this winter have come up with the luxury fur in so many new guises that mink coats seem downright old-fashioned. Mink and other furs are used for blankets, for women's lounge wear, for men's evening vests and ties, and for jewellery. One furrier features a fur-trimmed cigarette holder—white ermine tails dangling from this jewelled accessory.

About those mink blankets

They started, according to Lawrence Kaye, vice-president of Ritter Brothers, New York furriers, when a perfume manufacturer wanted to give a colour advertisement a novel touch. The advertisement showed a stunning brunette relaxing under the mink cover. Ritter made

the blanket, regulation size, 72 by 80 inches. It required 119 skins.

Then the telephone began to ring. With orders. Now he is in the mink blanket business and other manufacturers have turned to other furs for bed coverings luxurious enough to send grandma's patch quilts into storage.

Kaye sold the blankets

for \$7,000 tax included. Kaye called his customers to date "affluent," but refused to give their names.

Another New York furrier, Esther Dorothy, makes the blankets in Eurasian lamb, a long-haired fur sheared to velvet smoothness. These come in all colours, including black, pink, green and blue.

Why mink for the bedroom? Said Kaye, "Very simple... mink keeps a girl warm."

Miss Dorothy is responsible for other mink things, in blue jeans and men's vests.

The jeans are made exactly like the traditional ones, complete with all pockets at the front and patch pockets at the back. They fit just as tight too. Price, \$3,000.

She is featuring evening vests of mink, fox, nutria, mole and broadtail. A sample of what we mean is of white American

broadtail in front with a black velvet back.

A spokesman for the firm said, "We thought the vest ought to be fancy at the back too, in case a man wants to take off his coat."—United Press.

ANTELOPE GLOVES



A pair of gloves in antelope with cooled trimmings—Agence France-Presse.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Are Pins Wonderful?

—They Certainly Are, as Mr. Punch Explains—

By MAX TRELL

WHEN Knarf and Hand, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, came into the Playroom, they saw Mr. Punch standing in the middle of the room, waving his hands around. He was reciting a poem.

O Pin, O Pin!
How very thin!
You are, O Pin!

Knarf and Hand were surprised on coming closer to Mr. Punch to see that he was holding a pin in his hand.

A Valuable Asset

"A pin is a wonderful thing," he said.

The two shadow-children looked at each other and smiled.

Mr. Punch often did very curious things. But this was the first time they ever heard him reciting a poem to a pin.

"What's so wonderful about a pin?" Hand asked.

Knarf said: "A pin is just a piece of wire with a head at one end and a sharp point at the other."

Mr. Punch was silent for a moment or two. "My dear," he finally said, "I can see that you don't really appreciate a pin. It's much more than just a piece of wire with a head at one end and a sharp point at the other. It's a magnificent invention."

"Didn't we always have pins, Mr. Punch?" Knarf asked.

"Oh, yes," said Mr. Punch. "Then what did people use?"

"Well, I'll tell you. Before real pins were invented, folk wanted something to pin things together, they used thorns."

"Thorns?" exclaimed Hand. "Regular thorns like you find on rose bushes and blackberry bushes and thistles?"

"Perhaps..." they used even longer thorns. And sometimes they used even stranger things in place of pins."

Knarf and Hand wanted to know more about this.

Mr. Punch said: "People made pins out of little fish bones. Oh, I know you're surprised to learn that. But fish bones are naturally sharp and when they are dried and a little head is carved on them, they are quite as good as ordinary pins. But even the kind of pins we have today were first made long, long ago, long before any of us were born."

"What I always wanted to know," said Knarf, "is why do pins have heads?"

Mr. Punch was about to answer, then noticing that Hand seemed eager to answer Knarf, he let her speak.

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Flowers are beautiful, but the tiny blades that falling petals sometimes leave on table tops, are not.

For a quick pick-up, a soapy cloth rubbed over the speckled surface will often remove the marks and leave the wood as smooth as new. Follow up with a clean damp cloth and then a dry one. Finally, apply a new coat of furniture polish or wax, and there you are.

The cooking stove gets a big workout at this time of year. So in between times, to keep the burners at top efficiency, remove grease from gas stove tops by boiling them for a few minutes in soapy water. Then rinse them thoroughly and let the burners dry out before replacing.

To clean the extra greasy skillets and roasters that pile up at this time, fill them with soapy water and let boil for a few minutes. Finish by rinsing and drying them thoroughly.

Headless Needles

Knarf said he understood. "Needles have no heads. They go right through."

"Yes," said Hand, "and they pull a thread after them. They have eyes."

"Pins have heads," said Mr. Punch. "And needles have eyes. They're both quite wonderful. You may think nothing at all when you use a pin. You may say, 'Oh, there's always another one around, but just try to make a pin yourself. It's harder than you think.'"

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New style tone for Fall

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LITTLE EVIDENCE OF SEASONAL GOODWILL ABOUT THIS GAME

By I. M. MacTAVISH

There was little evidence of seasonal goodwill about this Christmas Day game... in fact it was a most undesirable and untimely demonstration of soccer desperation. This big game was marred by the simple fact that some of the players were not nearly as big as the occasion, and I believe that it will stand to the credit of the near capacity crowd that the afternoon passed off without major incident beyond the touch line.

For this manner of things St. Joseph's and Referee Lomax must accept the major part of the blame. The Saints looked the better set of ball players but time and again, both in defence and attack, they left us wondering why they should pre-judice all their promise by senseless and profitless tactics that often incurred awards against them, and of course raised the wrath of the spectators to a high pitch.

Some of the tackling was as vicious as it was dangerous, and the fact that Lok Tak-hai was the only major casualty—being expected to be out of the game for 2 or 3 months—will remain as one of the unpleasant features of the unpleasant match.

I have often had to listen to the criticism of referees and I doubt if I have ever heard one generated so much condemnation there was on this occasion... and it was all so very much justified.

A strong active referee could have transformed this game into the sort of match we had so long expected to see. As it was, the players were allowed to too much liberty, and apart from some very strange decisions, there were many other untimely incidents that passed

without a word of warning or caution. The Saints were probably unsettled by a very soft award of a penalty-kick against them in the opening minutes and from which Lee Yuk-tak put South China in the lead.

The decision was made when goalkeeper Mantelinas dived to cut out a cross ball and was adjudged to have fouled an attacker although it looked very much as though Mantelinas was definitely trying to get to the ball.

AGAIN DOUBTFUL

Play was generally even after that and if the Saints lively front rank had played their natural game, and if their half-backs had concentrated in getting the ball forward to them, I believe they would have won the game in their favour... instead with the interval fast approaching they found themselves another goal down... and again it came from a very doubtful penalty award.

No one was calling a South China forward when suddenly he seemed to stumble forward and both of them came down in a heap. There is no doubt that it was a foul but I saw the whole thing clearly and I am as convinced as were the spectators in the vicinity that it happened a yard outside the 18 yards line. Lee Yuk-tak again rammed the ball into the net.

The second half was played in a fast pace with Suhia just the man likely to score but when they did it was from still another penalty kick. (Cheating misses were among the prominent features of this second half and Ho Cheung-yau had a miss-in-a-million even after beating goalkeeper Mantelinas, while at the other end St. Joseph's returned the compliment with interest.)

South China's Ken men, with Yiu Cheuk-yin at right-half in place of the injured Lok Tak-hai, played desperately to keep their lead and that they did was due to the biggest slice of luck they will enjoy in years.

With only seconds of the game still to go, Augusto Rocha carved his way through the defence only to have the mortifying experience of seeing his well-placed shot come back into play off the bottom of the post.

It would be unfair to pass comment on many of the players for they were often much more worried about the prospect of injury than about the mortifying ball to advantage and this resulted in a lot of poor passing.

ADMISSIBLE RESTRAINT
South China restrained themselves admirably and apart from one flying tackle by Lok Tak-hai on Augusto Rocha which might have had serious consequences, they refused to be pulled into a general fracas.

St. Joseph's must give serious thought to this game. It is useless bringing an all-star side into the League competition when they are going to play their football first, last and all the time... if it is going to be a case of victory-at-any-cost... then what-price-glory... is eventually going to be expensive.

VERDICT: In far too many cases the verdict is "Guilty". Club officials are responsible for the conduct of their players even if the referee is so lenient that he turns Nelson's eye to what, off the pitch, would be assault and battery...

The team:
St. Joseph's: Mantelinas; Nash, Hahn; Toledo, Cunha, Cunha, Xavier, Paulo, Rocha, Rocha, Cotrim.
South China: Pau King-yin; Lau Chi-ching, Lau Yee; Lok Tak-hai, Ko Po-keung, Tong Shoung, Chu Wing-wah, Ho Cheung-yau, Lee Yuk-tak, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Chun-wah.

KITCHEE 2, ARMY 1

This game, played before a big crowd at Caroline Hill yesterday, did a lot to remove the memory of the unpleasantities of the day before.

It was played at a fast pace from first to last and, apart from three miss-goals to keep the spectators on edge, there were thrills galore in the goal-mouth. There were near misses, some excellent goalkeeping at both ends... and above all some competent and thoughtful refereeing by Mr. Stanley. Kitchee consolidated their position at the top of the table

but they had to fight every inch of the way for their precious points. For their success they have to thank a grand middle line where Chan Fui-hung was right back to his top form and where Kwok Shek gave one of his best displays of the season.

For the Army this was another case of what might have been. They played some delightful open football. They moved that ball about with accuracy, but time and time again their attacks fizzled out in the hard-tackling Kitchee rear lines.

Play started brightly enough with the soldiers on the attack from the word "Go". Kitchee were nearly a goal down after only a couple of minutes' play... but instead they went into the lead.

Carrying the ball forward in a man-to-man movement they pulled Hewitt out of position and when the ball went through to Lee Hung-lee he took a couple of steps and flashed it into the net.

After that it was cut-and-thrust all the way. Kitchee hit the Army crossbar; the Army had Cheung Koon-hing hopping about to grapple with several dangerous balls; but the interval came with the score unchanged.

LEVEL AGAIN

Army started the second half as Kitchee had started the first, and after a fast Kitchee raid the ball returned to the other end. Morris ran on to a brilliant through pass from Riley and the soldiers were back on level terms.

Still following the Kitchee pattern, Riley saw a fast shot scrape the crossbar, while a 20-yard drive from Middleton hit the woodwork and was cleared upfield by Louis C. Ping.

Just when it seemed that the Army was gaining control of the game Kitchee struck again. Chu Wing-keung carried the ball into the penalty area and sent a clever pass to Lee Hung-lee who swung round and left Lewis groping in the air as the ball flew into the back of the net.

Cheung Koon-hing made a couple of grand saves to keep his side in the lead and a most enjoyable game finished with the Chinese boys clinging to their slender lead.

Kitchee were well served by every man in the defence with Chan Fui-hung the top star. Up front wily Chu Wing-keung was the brains of the line and he got good support from Ho Ying-fun and Lee Hung-lee.

For the Army goalkeeper Lewis had a spectacular and successful afternoon. Wallace had a grand game. Higgins was the pick of the middle line although he faded out a bit later on. Stonehouse looked the most dangerous forward but Morris was the one who did most of the grafting.

VERDICT: An entertaining game in which quarter was neither given nor asked but in which there was not a suggestion of doubtful play. Kitchee are going to be hard to dislodge from the position at the top of the table... and thank you Mr. Stanley for a Five-Star performance with the whistle.

The teams:
Kitchee: Cheung Koon-hing; Lee Ping-chui, Louis C. Ping; Chan Fui-hung, Kwok Ying-kee, Kwok Shek; Ho Ying-fun, Kwok Yau, Lee Hung-lee, Chu Wing-keung, Ho Chung-tao.
Army: Lewis; Wallace, Hayes; Higgins, Hewitt, Walters; Stonehouse, Middleton, Morris, Riley, Walmsley.

MOSS SIGNS CONTRACT



Famous British racing car driver Stirling Moss signs the contract to drive German Mercedes-Benz racing cars, watched by Gerry Ames, PRO Representative of Mercedes in England. The contract is reported to be worth about £20,000 to Moss who will still be able to drive other cars when not driving the German car.—Express Photo.

Australians Slight Favourites To Retain The Davis Cup

Sydney, Dec. 25.

The draw for the Davis Cup Challenge Round here from December 27 to 29 was announced today as:

First day: Lewis Hoad (Australia) versus Tony Trabert (U.S.); Ken Rosewall (Australia) versus Vic Seixas (U.S.).

Third day: Rosewall versus Trabert; Hoad versus Seixas.

The draw for the second day's Doubles match is pending selection of the Australian pair to meet Trabert and Seixas.

About 3,000 fans saw the draw on the White City Centre Court made by Mr. Robert Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, and Mr. Amos Peaslee, the United States Ambassador.

Australia, the Cup holders, and the United States have contested this final stage of the competition every year since 1938 (there was no competition between 1940 and 1945).

Australia have held the trophy since 1950. The United States were beaten by three matches to two last year. In the Singles, Hoad beat Seixas and Trabert, Rosewall beat Seixas but lost to Trabert.

ALL ARE CONFIDENT

What little betting is detectable on the outcome of next week's Davis Cup challenge round (December 27, 28 and 29) makes Australia slight favourites to beat the United States.

Both captains are confident and Bill Trabert is sticking to his forecast of a 3-0 win for the United States.

Harry Hopman has lost none of his faith in the Australians. "Our boys are fit and just waiting for the going," said Trabert. "The Australians are fit, too, so there will be no excuses after the Challenge Round," said Hopman.

Jack Kramer, the American professional, has been giving Vic Seixas special practice on Ken Rosewall's technique and Trabert said he is confident that Seixas can turn the tables on Rosewall in spite of the fact that the Sydney youngster is at his peak.

In last year's challenge round Rosewall beat Seixas in the

High Standard In Christmas Day Rugger Matches

London, Dec. 25.

Only five fixtures were arranged for the Christmas Day programme of Rugby Union matches in Britain, but the standard of play all round was very good.

All results were fairly close but only one tour team finished winners. They were the strong London Scottish side who beat the Academicals in Edinburgh by nine points to three.

The Exiles owed a great deal to their strong back division, particularly R. Heron, who dashed over for two tries. One of these came after a run of 50 yards and was the best individual effort of the match.

The other three games were played in Wales where another Scottish club, Watfordians, earned the honours by holding Swansea to a 0-0 draw. Typical Scottish footrusters often worried the Swansea defence but they held out thanks to some excellent tackling.

Another team of Exiles, London Welsh, could not last the pace at Neath, where the home club won 11-5.

Llanelli's opponents on the other hand were fully a match for them in fitness and the Welshmen only just beat the Universities Athletic Union by 11-8 after a fast, robust game.

THE RESULTS

Rugby Union

Llanelli 11, Universities Athletic Union 8.
Neath 11, London Welsh 5.
Swansea 0, Watfordians 0.
Edinburgh Academicals 3, London Scottish 8.

Rugby League

Barrow 5, Workington Town 3.
Bradford Northern 9, Kelghley 18.
Castleford 19, Wakefield Trinity 8.
Dewsbury 2, Hunslet 18.
Doncaster 2, York 4.
Huddersfield 0, Halifax 15.
Hull 16, Hull Kingston Rovers 6.

Leeds 50, Batley 0.
Leigh 14, St. Helens 13.
Liverpool City 17, Bramley 7.
Oldham 8, Swinton 5.
Rochdale Hornets 12, Belle Vue Rangers 7.
Whitehaven 42, Blackpool Borough 0.
Widnes 0, Warrington 10.
Wigan 50, Salford 7.—Reuter.

Compton Back In The Team

Sydney, Dec. 24.

Denis Compton, who broke a bone in his hand during the first Test at Brisbane, showed brilliant form at the nets here today and will be in the MCC team which opposes a New South Wales country team at Newcastle starting on Monday.

Len Hutton, England's captain, is among the players who will take a rest and in his absence, Peter May will captain the side. Reg Simpson, who had been in hospital with influenza, has recovered and was able to leave today and rejoin the MCC party here.

Best bowlers Frank Tyson and Brian Statham, together with all-rounder Trevor Bailey, Simpson and Colin Cowdrey, also miss the Newcastle game for which the MCC team will be chosen from the following twelve:

Peter May, Keith Andrew, Bob Appleyard, Alec Bedser, Denis Compton, Bill Edrich, T. G. Evans, T. W. Graveney, P. Loader, J. McCormack, J. H. Wardle and V. Wilson.—Reuter.

INDIA RETAINS COLOMBO CUP

Colombo, Dec. 26.

India beat Pakistan by three goals to one here today, thus carrying off the Colombo Cup awarded annually in the Asian Quadrangular Football Tournament. India has won the trophy every year since the event was inaugurated, sharing it the first year with Pakistan.

Pakistan now ties with Ceylon for second place in this League-type tournament. —Franco-Press.

Philippines Win Asian Baseball Championship

Manila, Dec. 26.

The Philippines beat Japan, the favourites, 8-4 to win the Asian Baseball Championship here today. Korea beat Nationalist China to win third place in the four-nation tournament. —Reuter.

KEN DAVIDSON KILLED IN AIR CRASH

Bronxville, N.Y., Dec. 25.

Kenneth Davidson, 49, one of the four Americans who died today in a British Overseas Airways crash at Prestwick, Scotland, was a former World's Amateur Badminton Champion. Davidson was also a former coach-manager of the American Thomas Cup team, which is the equivalent of the Davis Cup tennis team in badminton championship play.

He was en route to New York for a Christmas holiday after a tour of Malaya and India where he was sent on a badminton promotion tour.—United Press.

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S.C.M.P. Sports Association Visit To Cheung Chau

The South China Morning Post Sports Association's annual Boxing Day assault on Cheung Chau Island was made yesterday—with dire results as far as sports were concerned, but with unqualified success in everything else.

The weather was glorious, the food excellent and spirits were high.

At football the South China Morning Post lost to Cheung Chau by two goals to one, all scored in the second half. At basketball, after lunch, the S.C.M.P. Post team went down to Cheung Chau's Ngan Kwan Team by 51-32.

In a curtain-raiser the S.C.M.P. Post Night Staff beat the S.C.M.P. Post Day Staff at football, scoring the only goal.

The ferry Man Ping taking the 200 odd members of the

Association and their camp followers detrained on both journeys to and fro to pass by Queen Mary Hospital firing crackers as a greeting to Mr. P. P. Franklin, Managing Director of the S.C.M.P. Post who is there recovering from an illness.

Mr. W. A. Grinham, Secretary and Acting Manager, declared at lunch that this was the first time in six years that Mr. Franklin had been absent from these annual outings.

Mr. Grinham welcomed those who were present for the first time and hoped they would be able to attend for many years to come. He thanked Dr. K. W. Khoo, of the Cheung Chau Hospital, for making the arrangements for the day's outing.

Mr. Kwong Yuen-on, Chairman of the S.C.M.P. Post Sports Association, proposed a toast to the Company. He said that on behalf of the Sports Association he wished to thank the Company for the most enjoyable outing.

The S.C.M.P. Post were hosts at the lunch to the Cheung Chau sportsmen, Dr. and Mrs. Khoo and the S.C.M.P. Post agent, Mr. Cheung Chung.

The S.C.M.P. Post Band was in attendance and played at all functions.

A good time, in short, was had by all.

Christmas Service At The Cathedral

Thousands of local residents attended special Christmas services in various churches on Saturday morning.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, G.C.M.G., and Lady Grantham, attended Christmas Matins, at St John's Cathedral. The sermon was delivered by the Very Rev. F. S. Temple.

Services were also held at other Anglican churches on the Island and in Kowloon.

The service at the Cathedral, which was relayed over Radio Hongkong, was conducted by Dean Temple, assisted by the Very Rev. A. P. Rose. Canon Rose read the first lesson and the Governor read the second.

DEAN'S SERMON

The Dean said: It is today that marks out the Christian religion as different from all other religions; others may have stories of the birth of a God as a child but they are all legends, in the realm of myth and fancy; others have great prophets and teachers who instruct men how to live but God remains aloof and not involved.

The life of Jesus is based on historical fact, unless you are not going to believe in any history, you must believe in the life of Jesus, and once you do that, you must face squarely two alternatives; as you read that life, as you listen to the claims that have been made about him throughout history and by men and women now, as being their

living Guide, Helper and Friend, you must either accept all he claims and states about himself or reject him completely as false and someone whose teaching must be suppressed; no other great man made such claims as Jesus did; every other great man has been humble; either what Jesus said is true or else he is proud and deluded.

Last Sunday we saw He came as something new and simple, a new born-babe; new, not a polishing up of something old; simple and clear, not a facade of excuse and self-justification. He came right into dirt, equal to the neglect, to the suffering and death, death of small children, Holy Innocent day; to face all that and redeem it; not to shun it and forget it for a few days.

And He came to four different groups of people; to Mary, single-minded and obedient; I prefer the word "single-minded as 'pure'; to the Pharisees, who were narrow to meaning only a purity of the flesh; her mind was pure as well; free from slander and gossip, from malicious self-assertion and self-interest; herself one of the house of David she like all other women of that house, held herself in readiness in case she should be the mother of God's Messiah; Mary living not in the political capital of the world, Rome, not in the intellectual capital of the world, Athens; not in the religious capital of the world, Jerusalem; but in Galilee, a cross-roads of traffic where she could get the best from all three, the peace of Rome, the common thought of Greece and the religion of Jerusalem without its accretions and hardness.

OBEDIENCE

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Next He came to shepherds, ordinary working folk who had time to think. Next God comes to working hands; the past year you have been to God's simple and clear commands? How single-minded is your will and devotion to Christ? Or is your mind cluttered with much else, and God takes second place? An obedient heart he first needs.

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MANY OTHERS

And there are many others, and this a person in my position knows as a fact, who have started on the journey back to God, who have seen how fragile life without God can be, there are many prodigals in Hongkong on the road back; and in our hearts we know we are all prodigals; today reminds us how far always God comes to meet us, in all his power he trusts himself a new born babe to your hardness and mind, clearing all the detailed care of little things; to start something new; and he will start something new in you; not just to touch up our tawdry virtues and unravel our tangled characters; but if we commit them daily into his care in prayer and worship, our hearts, our heads and minds, then Christmas could be real in every person here and God's power newborn in countless hearts.

ST ANDREWS

At St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. J. H. Ogilvie, officiated. In the evening, the Church held a Christmas "At Home" for Her Majesty's Forces and congregation and friends in the Vicarage. "At Home" Church, a service for family worship was held at which pupils of the Sunday School donated gifts of toys which were later sent to the British Forces Home.

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London Stock Market

Turns Easier

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Dec. 25. After touching a new all-time peak at the previous week's close industrial shares on the London Stock Exchange turned easier this week though losses were generally narrowed before the holiday.

The market remained firm on Monday but next day industrials began to drift lower in sympathy with Government securities which still displayed weakness due to nervousness about the trend of money rates.

Wednesday's news of the threatened national railway strike thus found the market in a vulnerable state and prices were marked down sharply. On that day the Financial Times industrial index lost 2.1 to close at 178.6.

But selling was never greater and on Thursday as the normal seasonal quiet descended on the market buyers reappeared in search of bargains created by the previous day's price reductions.

The rally was assisted by the news that the Minister of Labour would intervene in the dispute to try to prevent the strike. The loss on the balance in the index between the previous week's close and Thursday of this week was 2.6.

Japan-Burma Rice Agreement

Tokyo, Dec. 25. Japan and Burma signed an agreement today under which Japan promised to buy 220,000 tons of Burmese rice during 1955.

The agreement was signed at the Foreign Office by Mr. Koichiro Asakura, Foreign Office Economic Affairs Bureau Director, for Japan, and Mr. Bo Min-maung, Burmese Public Works and Rehabilitation Minister for his country.

During negotiations leading to the agreement the Burmese delegation, headed by Mr. Bo, had asked Japan to buy the maximum 300,000 tons stipulated in an agreement signed on December 8 last. The minimum provided in that agreement was 200,000 tons.

The two sides compromised and agreed on the 220,000 tons figure.

The rice will be imported during the January-June period next year. The price for standard quality rice will be £45 f.o.b. per ton—United Press.

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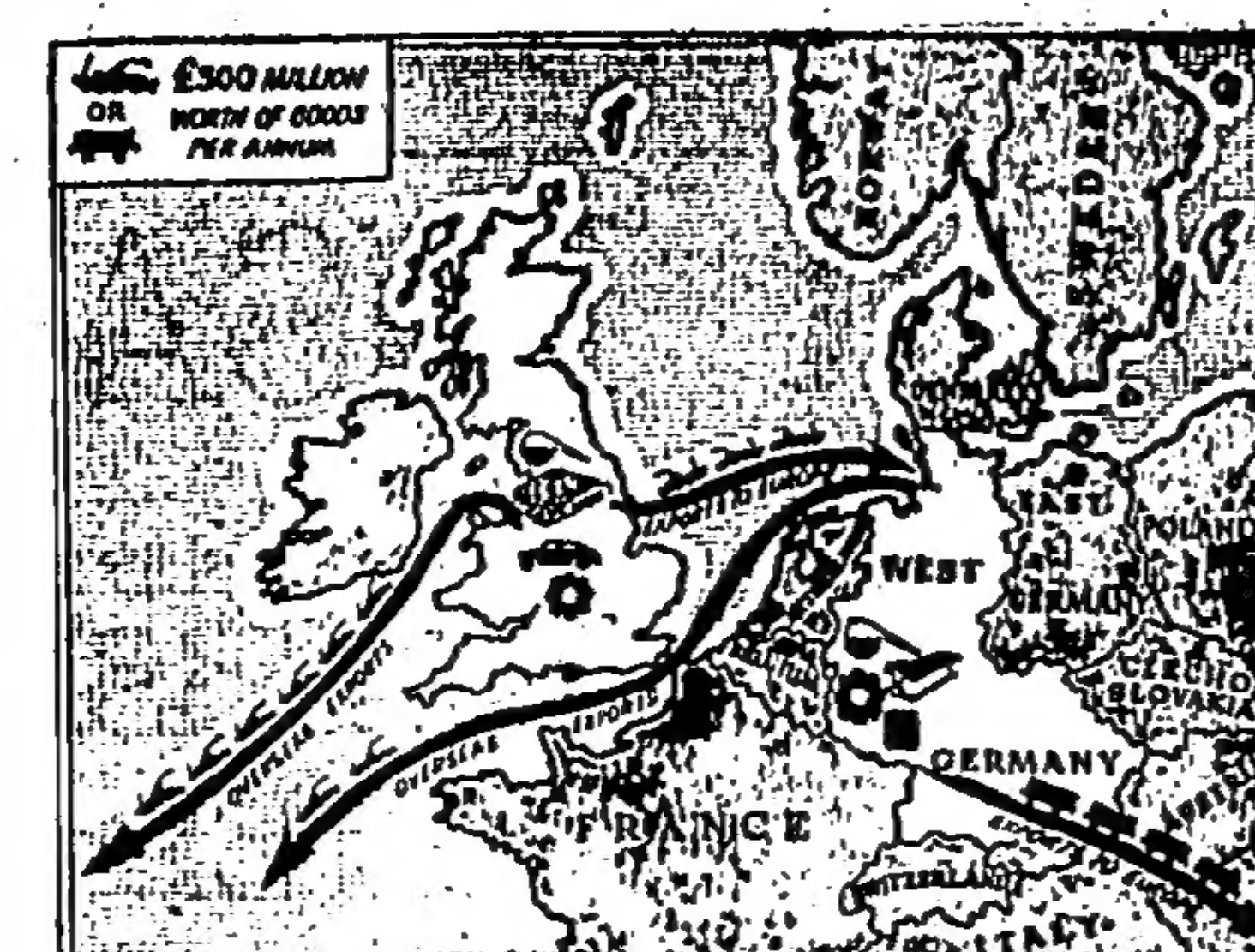
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PLATINUM DEAL WITH RUSSIA

Tokyo, Dec. 25. A deal to purchase 400 kilograms of platinum from the Soviet Union has been closed between the Soviet Trade Mission now in Tokyo and the Okura Shoji Trading Company, a trade report said today.

This was the first large-scale contract involving this metal signed with the Soviet Union since the war. Another Japanese firm imported 50 kilos of platinum from Russia in December, and re-exported all of it to Brazil—France-Press.

BATTLE FOR TRADE

Last year, 4,800 West German manufacturing firms went bankrupt. They failed in the ruthless war of price slashing and savage international competition that is making Germany Britain's most dangerous "export trade" rival. And the effect of those bankruptcies could be more disastrous for industrial Britain than for Germany itself.

Britain still sends out more exports than any other European country. Every month her dockers load £230 million worth at ports like London, Liverpool and Hull—40 per cent more than her nearest rival, Germany.

Jap Fishery Mission To China Delayed

Tokyo, Dec. 25. The departure of a Japanese fishery mission to Communist China originally scheduled at this time has been postponed till after January 5, the "Japan-Rest China Fisheries Council," a Japanese group sponsoring the trip, revealed today.

The delay will be communicated to the Peking Government, a Council spokesman said.

After the New Year holidays are over, the mission will endeavour to settle fishery problems pending between Communist China and Japan by direct negotiations, he added—France-Press.

EUREKA JOLT

Eureka, Calif., Dec. 24. The most severe "after jolt" since the costly earthquake here last Tuesday shook this area early today but there was no immediate report of new damage.

The area has experienced several after-shocks since Tuesday's quake—Reuter.

DOUBLED

After the war the Germans said they would top the £800 million mark in annual exports by 1955; in fact, they did so early in 1951, and have doubled the volume since. Last year the famous Krupp's works took on a new lease of life by selling 100 locomotives to South America. And at the end of the year there were 50 per cent more foreign orders on German books than at the beginning.

How do the Germans do it? First, by the price-slashing policy that cuts out the inefficient firms. Second, by well-organised displays at European trade fairs. Third, by the energy and drive of their salesmen all over the Continent. British industry will have to fight hard to retain the lead shown on Newmap.

GAINING

But Germany is catching up fast. So far this year her exports have gone up 20 per cent, compared with Britain's six per cent. She is well ahead of us in exports to South America and Europe—two-thirds of her exports go to Europe, compared with only one-third of Britain's. But she lags behind in North America and other overseas areas.

GILTS DRIFT

Gilt-edged securities drifted lower until Thursday when fractional gains were registered. This halted the fall in the Financial Times securities index which had lost .35 in the previous three days.

Oil followed the pattern of the industrial market—firm at first

U.S. Traders Export More

Washington, Dec. 25. United States traders exported four per cent more commercial goods in the first ten months this year than a year earlier but bought eight per cent less from overseas, the Department of Commerce announced.

Commercial exports of domestic and foreign goods amounted to \$10,445.6 million, plus \$2,978.3 million military aid, compared with \$10,091.1 million and \$3,079.5 million, respectively, in the corresponding period of 1953.

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